

- 3.14 Where either Party delivers over the local traffic trunk groups miscellaneous calls (e.g., time, weather, 976) destined for the other Party, it shall deliver such traffic in accordance with the serving arrangements defined in the LERG.
- 3.15 The Parties will cooperate to establish separate, choke trunk groups for the completion of calls to customers such as radio contest lines. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties agree that where the Parties' switch has the capability to perform call gapping and other protective network traffic management controls, separate trunk groups shall not be required to carry such traffic.
- 3.16 N11 code traffic shall be routed between the Parties' networks pursuant to accepted industry practice (e.g., over local traffic trunks or over separate trunk groups).
- 3.17 Each Party shall establish procedures whereby its operator bureau will coordinate with the operator bureau of the other Party in order to provide Busy Line Verification/Busy Line Verification Interrupt ("BLV/BLVI") services on calls between their respective line side end users for numbers that are not ported.
- 3.18 A blocking standard of one-half of one percent (.005) shall be maintained during the average busy hour for final trunk groups carrying jointly provided exchange access traffic between an end office and an access tandem. All other final trunk groups are to be engineered with a blocking standard of one percent (.01). High usage trunk groups shall be sized to an economic CCS parameter mutually agreed to by both Parties.
- 3.18.1.1 BellSouth agrees to provide upon request of AT&T, pursuant to Section 3.1 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, traffic usage data (including, but not limited to, usage, peg and overflow counts) for each AT&T NXX subtending the BellSouth tandem to determine which AT&T traffic by NXX is being blocked. [OPEN-AT&T]**
- 3.18.1.2 Pursuant to Attachment 9, incorporated herein by this reference, BellSouth shall report to AT&T information regarding blocking of interconnection traffic.
- 3.19 The Parties agree to jointly manage the capacity of interconnection trunk groups to encourage the economic deployment of increasingly robust and diverse interconnection between their networks.

4. **NETWORK DESIGN AND MANAGEMENT FOR INTERCONNECTION**

- 4.1 Network Management and Changes. Both Parties will work cooperatively with each other to install and maintain the most effective and reliable interconnected telecommunications networks, including but not limited to, the exchange of toll-free maintenance contact numbers and escalation procedures. Both Parties agree to provide public notice of changes in the information necessary for the transmission and routing of services using its local exchange facilities or networks, as well as of any other changes that would affect the interoperability of those facilities and networks.
- 4.2 Interconnection Technical Standards. The interconnection of all networks will be based upon accepted industry/national guidelines for transmission standards and traffic blocking criteria. Interconnecting facilities shall conform, at a minimum, to the technical specifications set forth in the applicable industry standard technical references. Signal transfer point, Signaling System 7 ("SS7") connectivity is required at each interconnection point. BellSouth will provide out-of-band signaling using Common Channel Signaling Access Capability where technically and economically feasible, in accordance with the technical specifications set forth in the applicable industry standard technical references. Facilities of each Party shall provide the necessary on-hook, off-hook answer and disconnect supervision and shall hand off calling number ID (Calling Party Number) when technically feasible.
- 4.3 Quality of Interconnection. The local interconnection for the transmission and routing of telephone exchange service and exchange access that each Party provides to each other will be at least equal in quality to what it provides to itself and any subsidiary or affiliate, where technically feasible, or to any other Party to which each Party provides local interconnection.
- 4.4 Common Channel Signaling. Both Parties will provide LEC-to-LEC Common Channel Signaling ("CCS") to each other, where available, in conjunction with all traffic in order to enable full interoperability of CLASS features and functions except for call return. All CCS signaling parameters will be provided, including automatic number identification ("ANI"), originating line information ("OLI") calling company category, charge number, etc. All privacy indicators will be honored, and each Party will cooperate with each other on the exchange of Transactional Capabilities Application Part ("TCAP") messages to facilitate full interoperability of CCS-based features between the respective

networks. The Parties will provide all line information signaling parameters including, but not limited to, Calling Party Number, Charge Number (if it is different from calling party number), and originating line information ("OLI"). For terminating FGD, either Party will pass any CPN it receives from other carriers. All privacy indicators will be honored. Where available, network signaling information such as Transit Network Selection ("TNS") parameter (SS7 environment) will be provided by the end office Party wherever such information is needed for call routing or billing. Where TNS information has not been provided by the end office Party, the tandem Party will route originating exchange access traffic to the IXC using available translations. The Parties will follow all industry Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF") adopted guidelines pertaining to TNS codes.

- 4.4.1 BellSouth's Common Channel Signaling Access Service ("CCSAS") allows interconnected carriers to exchange signaling information over a communications path that is separate from the message path.
- 4.4.2 The transport portion of CCSAS, commonly referred to as a signaling link, is provided via dedicated 56 kbps out of band signaling connections between the AT&T signaling point of interconnection and BellSouth's signaling point of interconnection ("SPOI").
- 4.4.3 The network termination point where this interconnection takes place is called the Signaling Transfer Point ("STP") port termination.
- 4.4.4 Charges for signaling links and the STP port termination can be found in Attachment 2 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4.4.5 Each CCSAS signaling connection provides for two-way digital transmission at speeds in multiples of 56 kbps. The connection to BellSouth's STP pair can be made from either AT&T's signaling point ("SP"), which requires a minimum of two links, or from AT&T's STP pair, which requires a minimum of four links.
- 4.5 SS7 Interconnection will take place at STP locations that are mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- 4.6 Where CCS is not available, in-band multi-frequency signaling will be provided. In such an arrangement, each Party will output the full ten-digit telephone number of the called party to the other Party with appropriate call set-up and Automatic Number Identification ("ANI") where available, at parity.

- 4.7 The Parties will provide CCS to one another, where and as available, in conjunction with access to call related databases and Service Control Points ("SCP"), including toll free databases, Line Information Database ("LIDB"), Calling Name ("CNAM"), and any other necessary databases.
- 4.8 When the Parties establish new links, each Party shall provide its own STP port termination(s) and charge the other Party for the signaling links as follows
- 4.8.1 Where the SPOI for the signaling link is at a Fiber Meet, there shall be no compensation between the Parties for the signaling link facilities used.
- 4.8.2 Where the SPOI for the signaling link facilities is located at the BellSouth Serving Wire Center where the signaling link facilities terminates and AT&T has furnished the interconnection facility, BellSouth will pay a monthly charge equal to one half of the AT&T-provided facility charge according to BellSouth's unbundled rate element for the facility used. Rates for said interconnection facilities shall be as set forth in Exhibit 1 in Attachment 2, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4.8.3 Where the SPOI for the signaling link facilities is located at the AT&T Serving Wire Center facility where the signaling link facilities terminate and BellSouth has furnished the interconnection facility, AT&T will pay a monthly charge equal to one half of the BellSouth-provided facility charge according to BellSouth's unbundled rate element for the facility used. Rates for said interconnection facilities shall be as set forth in Exhibit 1 in Attachment 2, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4.8.4 Each party is responsible for all facility maintenance and provisioning on its side of the SPOI.
- 4.9 Implementation of new interconnection arrangements (as opposed to augmentation of existing arrangements), including testing of SS7 interconnection, shall be pursuant to the technical specifications set forth in the applicable industry standard technical references. Each Party will be expected to provide sufficient cooperative testing resources to ensure proper provisioning, including the ability to confirm that AT&T LERG-assigned NPA NXX codes have been opened, translated and routed accurately in all appropriate BellSouth switches. A mutually agreed test calling plan shall be conducted to ensure successful completion of originating and terminating calls.

4.10 Message Screening

- 4.10.1 BellSouth shall set message screening parameters so as to accept messages from AT&T local or tandem switching systems destined to any signaling point in the BellSouth SS7 network or any network interconnected to the BellSouth SS7 network with which the AT&T switching system has a legitimate signaling relationship.
- 4.10.2 BellSouth shall set message screening parameters so as to accept messages destined to/from an AT&T local or tandem switching system or to/from an AT&T Service Control Point ("SCP") from any signaling point or network interconnected to the BellSouth SS7 network with which the AT&T switching system has a legitimate signaling relationship.

4.11 STP Requirements

- 4.11.1 BellSouth shall provide message transfer part and Signaling Connection Control Point ("SCCP") protocol interfaces in accordance with the technical specifications set forth in the applicable industry standard technical references.

4.12 SS7 Network Interconnection

- 4.12.1 SS7 Network Interconnection is the interconnection of AT&T STPs and AT&T local or tandem switching systems with the BellSouth STPs. This interconnection provides connectivity that enables the exchange of SS7 messages among BellSouth switching systems and databases, AT&T local or tandem switching systems and other third-party switching systems directly connected to the BellSouth SS7 network.
- 4.12.2 SS7 Network Interconnection shall provide connectivity to all components of the BellSouth SS7 network. These include:
- 4.12.2.1 BellSouth local or tandem switching systems;
- 4.12.2.2 BellSouth databases; and
- 4.12.2.3 Other third-party local or tandem switching systems.
- 4.12.3 The connectivity provided by SS7 Network Interconnection shall fully support the functions of BellSouth switching systems and databases and AT&T or other third-party switching systems with [note could be A or D/B link] direct access to the BellSouth SS7 network.
- 4.12.4 SS7 Network Interconnection shall provide transport for certain types of TCAP messages. If traffic is routed based on dialed or translated

digits between an AT&T local switching system and a BellSouth or other third-party local switching system, either directly or via a BellSouth tandem switching system, then it is a requirement that the BellSouth SS7 network convey via SS7 Network Interconnection the TCAP messages that are necessary to provide Call Management services (Automatic Callback, Automatic Recall, and Screening List Editing) between the AT&T local STPs and the BellSouth or other third-party local switch.

- 4.12.5 When the capability to route messages based on Intermediate Signaling Network Identifier ("ISNI") is generally available on BellSouth STPs, the BellSouth SS7 Network shall also convey TCAP messages using SS7 Network Interconnection in similar circumstances where the BellSouth switch routes traffic based on a Carrier Identification Code ("CIC").
- 4.12.6 BellSouth shall offer the following SS7 Network Interconnection options to connect AT&T or AT&T-designated local or tandem switching systems or STPs to the BellSouth SS7 network:
 - 4.12.6.1 A-link interface from AT&T local or tandem switching systems; and
 - 4.12.6.2 D/B-link interface from AT&T STPs.
- 4.12.7 Each interface shall be provided by one or more sets (layers) of signaling links, as follows:
 - 4.12.7.1 An A-link layer shall consist of two links.
 - 4.12.7.2 A D/B-link layer shall consist of four links.
- 4.12.8 The Parties agree to implement intraoffice diversity for the signaling links so that no single failure of intraoffice facilities or equipment shall cause the failure of any two links in a layer connecting to a BellSouth STP.
- 4.13 Trunk Forecasting and Servicing Requirements.
- 4.12.1 The Parties shall exchange technical descriptions and forecasts of their interconnection and traffic requirements in sufficient detail necessary to establish the interconnections required to assure traffic completion to and from all customers in their respective designated service areas. In order for BellSouth to provide as accurate reciprocal trunking forecasts as possible to AT&T, AT&T must timely inform BellSouth of any known or anticipated events that may affect BellSouth reciprocal trunking requirements. If AT&T refuses to provide such

information, BellSouth shall provide reciprocal trunking forecasts based only on existing trunk group growth and BellSouth's annual estimated percentage of BellSouth subscriber line growth.

- 4.13.1 Both Parties shall meet every six months or at otherwise mutually agreeable intervals for the purpose of exchanging non-binding forecast of its traffic and volume requirements for the interconnection and network elements provided under this Agreement, in the form and in such detail as agreed by the Parties. The Parties agree that each forecast provided under this section shall be deemed "Confidential Information" as set forth in Section 18 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4.13.2 The trunk forecast should include trunk requirements for all of the interconnecting trunk groups for the current year plus the next two future years. The forecast meeting between the two companies may be a face-to-face meeting, video conference or audio conference. It may be held regionally or geographically. Ideally, these forecast meetings should be held at least semi-annually, or more often if the forecast is no longer usable. Updates to a forecast or portions thereof should be made whenever the Party providing the forecast deems that the latest trunk requirements exceed the original quantities by 48 trunks or 10%, whichever is greater. Either Party should notify the other Party if they have measurements indicating that a trunk group is exceeding its designed call carrying capacity and is impacting other trunk groups in the network. Also, either Party should notify the other Party if they know of situations in which the traffic load is expected to increase significantly and thus affect the interconnecting trunk requirements as well as the trunk requirements within the other Party's network. The Parties agree that the forecast information provided under this section shall be deemed "Confidential Information" as set forth in Section 18 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference. Each Party shall provide a specified point of contact for planning, forecasting and trunk servicing purposes.
- 4.13.3 For a non-binding trunk forecast, agreement between the two Parties on the trunk quantities and the timeframe of those trunks does not imply any liability for failure to perform if the trunks are not available for use at the required time.
- 4.13.4 Signaling Call Information. BellSouth and AT&T will send and receive 10 digits for local traffic. Additionally, BellSouth and AT&T will exchange the proper call information, i.e., originated call company number and destination call company number, CIC, and OZZ,

including all proper translations for routing between networks and any information necessary for billing.

- 4.13.5 Both Parties will manage the capacity of their interconnection trunk groups. BellSouth will issue an ASR to AT&T to order changes BellSouth desires to the BellSouth interconnection trunk groups based on BellSouth's capacity assessment. AT&T will issue an ASR to BellSouth to order changes AT&T desires to the AT&T interconnection trunk groups based on AT&T's capacity assessment.
- 4.13.5.1 Either Party may issue a Trunk Group Service Request ("TGSR") to the other Party to order changes it desires to the interconnection trunk groups based on its capacity assessment. The Party receiving the TGSR will, within ten (10) business days, respond with an ASR or an explanation of why it believes an ASR is inappropriate.
- 4.13.5.2 The Party submitting an ASR will provide complete and accurate tie down inventory assignments in typical industry bay, panel and jack format, or in such other format as the Parties agree, on each order by use of a Design Layout Record. Additional tie down information, such as span information, may be required when applicable.
- 4.13.5.3 The Parties will prepare ASRs pursuant to the industry standard guidelines of the OBF. **[When submitting an ASR, BellSouth will identify AT&T's end office in the SEC LOC field of the ASR form.] [OPEN-AT&T]**
- 4.13.5.4 The Party provisioning the ASR will assign to the requesting Party a location code expressed in CLLI code format that will appear in the Access Customer Terminal Location Field of the ASR.
- 4.13.6 The standard interval used for the provisioning of additions to local interconnection trunk groups shall be no greater than ten (10) business days, for orders of fewer than ninety-six (96) DS-0 trunks. Other orders shall be determined on an individual case basis. Where feasible, either Party will expedite installation, upon the other Party's request.
- 4.13.7 Major projects shall be limited to those projects that require the coordination and execution of multiple orders or related activities between and among BellSouth and AT&T work groups specifically relating to: (i) the initial establishment of local interconnection trunk groups; (ii) extending service into a new area; (iii) NXX code moves; (iv) facility grooming; or (v) network rearrangements. If orders that are component pieces of a major project are submitted after project implementation has been jointly planned and coordinated, they shall

be submitted with a major project reference. Several orders submitted at one time may not be classified as a major project without the consent of the submitting Party. Each Party will identify a single point of contact that will be responsible for overall coordination and management of a major project through an agreed completion point.

- 4.13.8 As provided herein, AT&T and BellSouth agree to exchange escalation lists which reflect contact personnel including vice president level officers. These lists shall include name, department, title, phone number, and fax number for each person. AT&T and BellSouth agree to exchange an up-to-date list promptly following changes in personnel or information.

4.14 Interference or Impairment

- 4.14.1 **[Within three (3) business days of receipt of notification of blocking of traffic originated within the other Party's network, the Parties shall determine and begin work to implement reasonable corrective measures in a manner consistent with industry practices.] [OPEN-BST]**

4.15 Local Dialing Parity

- 4.15.1 BellSouth and AT&T shall provide local and toll dialing parity to each other with no unreasonable dialing delays. Dialing parity shall be provided for all originating telecommunications services that require dialing to route a call. BellSouth and AT&T shall permit similarly situated telephone exchange service end users to dial the same number of digits to make a local telephone call notwithstanding the identity of the end user's or the called party's telecommunications service provider.

5. **NETWORK MAINTENANCE**

5.1 Outage Repair Standard

- 5.1.1 In the event of an outage or trouble in any arrangement, facility, or service being provided by BellSouth hereunder, BellSouth will follow procedures for isolating and clearing the outage or trouble that are no less favorable than those that apply to comparable arrangements, facilities, or services being provided by BellSouth to itself, Affiliate or any other carrier whose network is connected to that of BellSouth.

- 5.2 **[BellSouth shall provide AT&T at least sixty (60) days' advance notice of any scheduled maintenance activity which may impact AT&T's end users. Scheduled maintenance shall include, without**

limitation, such activities as, switch software retrofits, power tests, major equipment replacements and cable rolls. Plans for scheduled maintenance shall include, at a minimum, the following information: location and type of facilities, specific work to be performed, date and time work is scheduled to commence, work schedule to be followed, date and time work is scheduled to be completed, estimated number of work-hours for completion.] [OPEN-AT&T]

5.3 Interconnection Compensation

5.3.1 Compensation for Local Traffic

5.3.1.1 Local Traffic means any telephone call that originates and terminates in the same LATA and is billed by the originating Party as a local call **[when the originating Party has its own switch]. [OPEN-AT&T]** Therefore, when an AT&T end user originates traffic and AT&T sends it to BellSouth for termination, AT&T will determine whether the traffic is local or intraLATA toll. When a BellSouth end user originates traffic and BellSouth sends it to AT&T for termination, BellSouth will determine whether the traffic is local or intraLATA toll. Each Party will provide the other with information that will allow it to distinguish local from intraLATA toll traffic. At a minimum, each Party shall utilize NXX's in such a way that the other Party shall be able to distinguish local from intraLATA toll traffic.

DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL: As clarification of this definition and for reciprocal compensation, Local Traffic does include traffic that originates from or terminates to or through an enhanced service provider or information service provider. As further clarification, Local Traffic does not include any minutes of traffic that were generated solely for the purpose of receiving reciprocal compensation and were not related to traffic routinely and ordinarily recognized within the industry to constitute local traffic as a result of a telephone call (i.e., voice or data traffic).

BST PROPOSAL: As clarification of this definition and for reciprocal compensation, Local Traffic does not include traffic that originates from or is directed to or through an enhanced service provider or information service provider. As further clarification, Local Traffic does not include traffic that consists of minutes of use from any end user customer that relies upon a call placed by that end user customer or on the end user customer's behalf to establish or maintain a network connection, if: (a)

minutes of use to be billed are primarily associated with traffic of a type not routinely and ordinarily recognized by a reasonable person to constitute traffic as a result of a telephone call (i.e., voice or data traffic); (b) the end user customer does not control the destination of the call; and (c) the minutes of use do not serve a legitimate purpose that is unrelated to the receipt of reciprocal compensation or any other benefit that may be derived solely from establishing or maintaining the network connection.

- 5.3.1.2 The Parties shall provide for the mutual and reciprocal recovery of the costs for the network facilities utilized in transporting and terminating local traffic on each other's network. The Parties agree that charges for transport and termination of calls on their respective networks are as set forth in Exhibit A to this Attachment.
- 5.3.1.3 For the purposes of this Attachment 3, Common (Shared) Transport is defined as the transport of one Party's traffic by the other Party over the other Party's common (shared) facilities between the other Party's tandem switch and end office switch and/or between the other Party's tandem switches.
- 5.3.1.4 For the purposes of this Attachment 3, Tandem Switching is defined as the function that establishes a communications path between two switching offices through a third switching office (the Tandem switch).
- 5.3.1.5 For the purposes of this Attachment 3, End Office Switching is defined as the function that establishes a communications path between the trunk side and line side of the End Office switch.
- 5.3.1.6 If AT&T utilizes a switch outside the LATA and BellSouth chooses to purchase dedicated or common (shared) transport from AT&T for transport and termination of BellSouth originated traffic, BellSouth will pay AT&T no more than the airline miles between the V & H coordinates of the Point of Interface within the LATA where AT&T receives the BellSouth-originated traffic and the V & H coordinates of the BellSouth Exchange Rate Center Area that the AT&T terminating NPA/NXX is associated in the same LATA. For these situations, BellSouth will compensate AT&T at either dedicated or common (shared) transport rates specified in Exhibit A and based upon the network facilities provided by AT&T as defined in this Attachment 3.
- 5.3.1.7 **DISAGREE**

AT&T PROPOSAL: Neither Party shall represent access services traffic (e.g., Internet Protocol Telephony, FGA, FGB, etc.) as Local Traffic for purposes of payment of reciprocal compensation.

~~“Internet Protocol Telephony” is defined as real-time voice conversations over the Internet by converting voices into data which is compressed and split into packets, which are sent over the Internet like any other packets and reassembled as audio output at the receiving end.~~

BST PROPOSAL: Neither Party shall represent access services traffic (e.g., Internet Protocol Telephony, FGA, FGB, etc.) as Local Traffic for purposes of payment of reciprocal compensation. “Internet Protocol Telephony” is defined as real-time voice conversations over the Internet by converting voices into data which is compressed and split into packets, which are sent over the Internet like any other packets and reassembled as audio output at the receiving end.

- 5.3.2 [Unidentifiable traffic. AT&T shall utilize its NPA/NXXs in such a way and will provide the necessary information so that BellSouth shall be able to distinguish local from intraLATA toll traffic for BellSouth originated traffic. AT&T end users assigned NPA/NXX line numbers shall be physically located in the BellSouth rate center with which the NPA/NXX has been associated. Whenever BellSouth delivers traffic to AT&T for termination on the AT&T’s network, if BellSouth cannot determine, because of the manner in which AT&T has utilized its NXX codes whether the traffic is local or toll, BellSouth will charge the applicable rates for originating intrastate network access service as reflected in BellSouth’s Intrastate Access Services Tariff. BellSouth will make appropriate billing adjustments if AT&T can provide sufficient information for BellSouth to determine whether said traffic is local or toll.] [OPEN-BST]

5.3.3 **DISAGREE**

BST PROPOSAL

Percent Local Use. Each Party will report to the other a Percentage Local Usage (“PLU”). The application of the PLU will determine the amount of local minutes to be billed to the other Party. For purposes of developing the PLU, each Party shall consider every local call and every long distance call, excluding intermediary traffic. **[By the first of January, April, July and October of each year, BellSouth and AT&T shall provide a positive report updating the PLU. Detailed requirements associated with PLU reporting shall be as set forth in BellSouth’s Standard Percent Local Use Reporting Platform for Interconnection Purchasers, as it is amended from time to time**

during this Agreement.] Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the terminating company has message recording technology that identifies the traffic terminated, such information, in lieu of the PLU factor, shall at the company's option be utilized to determine the appropriate reciprocal compensation to be paid.

[Notwithstanding the reporting interval set forth in Section 5.3.3, BellSouth will accept and implement a monthly PLU, for a period of twelve (12) months, whenever AT&T gains an end user whose calling pattern and traffic would likely have an impact on the PLU reported by AT&T or whenever AT&T opens a new calling area or begins marketing local services in a new area. After reporting the PLU monthly for a twelve (12) month period, the PLU reporting will revert to quarterly. Unless the monthly reporting demonstrates that the PLU has stabilized, then the reporting party will continue to report a monthly PLU for an additional six (6) month period or until the Parties agree that the PLU has stabilized, whichever occurs first. In all other instances, the PLU reporting shall be quarterly.]

AT&T PROPOSAL

Percent Local Use. Each Party will report to the other a Percentage Local Usage ("PLU"). The application of the PLU will determine the amount of local minutes to be billed to the other Party. For purposes of developing the PLU, each Party shall consider every local call and every long distance call, excluding intermediary traffic. **[BellSouth shall report quarterly PLU factors to AT&T. BellSouth will continue to accept from AT&T the current monthly PLU factors provided under the previous agreement. Such monthly PLU factors will continue for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of this Agreement. At the end of the twelve (12) month period, AT&T will begin to provide quarterly PLU factors, beginning with the quarter immediately following the anniversary date, unless AT&T asserts that the monthly reporting demonstrates that the PLU has not stabilized, in which case AT&T will continue to provide monthly PLU factors for an additional six (6) month period or until the Parties agree that the PLU has stabilized, whichever occurs first. For the remainder of the period covered by this Agreement, AT&T will report quarterly factors by the first of January, April, July and October of each year. BellSouth and AT&T shall also provide a positive report updating the PLU. Detailed requirements associated with PLU reporting shall be as set forth in BellSouth's Standard Percent Local Use Reporting Platform for**

Interconnection Purchasers, as it is amended from time to time during this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the terminating company has message recording technology that identifies the traffic terminated, such information, in lieu of the PLU factor, shall at the company's option be utilized to determine the appropriate reciprocal compensation to be paid.

- 5.4 Percentage Interstate Usage. For combined interstate and intrastate AT&T traffic terminated by BellSouth over the same facilities, AT&T will be required to provide a projected Percentage Interstate Usage ("PIU") to BellSouth. All jurisdictional report requirements, rules and regulations for Interexchange Carriers specified in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff will apply to AT&T. After interstate and intrastate traffic percentages have been determined by use of PIU procedures, the PLU factor will be used for application and billing of local interconnection. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where the terminating company has message recording technology that identifies the traffic terminated, such information, in lieu of the PLU factor, shall at the company's option be utilized to determine the appropriate reciprocal compensation to be paid. Audits. On thirty (30) days' written notice, each Party must provide the other the ability and opportunity to conduct an annual audit of the traffic reported. BellSouth and AT&T shall retain records of call detail for a minimum of nine months from which a PLU and/or PIU can be ascertained. The audit shall be accomplished during normal business hours at an office designated by the Party being audited. Audit requests shall not be submitted more frequently than one (1) time per calendar year. Audits shall be performed by a mutually acceptable independent auditor paid for by the Party requesting the audit. The PLU and/or PIU shall be adjusted based upon the audit results and shall apply to the usage for the quarter the audit was completed, to the usage for the quarter prior to the completion of the audit, and to the usage for the two quarters following the completion of the audit. If, as a result of an audit, either Party is found to have overstated the PLU and/or PIU by twenty percentage points (20%) or more, that Party shall reimburse the auditing Party for the cost of the audit.

5.5 Compensation for IntraLATA Toll Traffic

- 5.5.1 IntraLATA Toll Traffic. IntraLATA Toll Traffic is defined as any telephone call that originates and terminates in the same LATA and is billed by the originating Party as a toll call.

- 5.5.2 Compensation for IntraLATA Toll Traffic. For terminating its IntraLATA Toll Traffic on the other Party's network, the originating Party will pay the terminating Party's intrastate or interstate

terminating switched access tariff rates as set forth in the effective intrastate or interstate access services tariff, whichever is appropriate. The appropriate charges will be determined by the routing of the call. If BellSouth or AT&T is the other Party's end user's presubscribed interexchange carrier or if an end user uses BellSouth or AT&T as an interexchange carrier on a 101XXXX basis, BellSouth or AT&T will charge the other Party the appropriate tariff charges for originating switched access services.

5.5.3 Compensation for 800 Traffic. Each Party shall compensate the other pursuant to the appropriate switched access charges, including the database query charge as set forth in the each Party's intrastate or interstate switched access tariffs.

5.5.4 Records for 8YY Billing. Each Party will provide to the other the appropriate records necessary for billing intraLATA 8YY customers. Records required for billing end users purchasing 8YY Services shall be provided pursuant to Attachment 6 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

5.5.5 Transit Traffic Service. BellSouth shall provide tandem switching and transport services for AT&T's transit traffic. Transit traffic is traffic originating on AT&T's network that is switched and/or transported by BellSouth and delivered to a third party's network, or traffic originating on a third Party's network that is switched and/or transported by BellSouth and delivered to AT&T's network. Rates for local transit traffic shall be the applicable call transport and termination charges as set forth in Exhibit A to this Attachment. Rates for intraLATA toll and Switched Access transit traffic shall be the applicable call transport and termination charges as set forth in BellSouth Interstate or Intrastate Switched Access tariffs. Switched Access transit traffic presumes that AT&T's end office is subtending the BellSouth Access Tandem for switched access traffic to and from AT&T's end users utilizing BellSouth facilities, either by direct trunks with the IXC, or via the BellSouth Access Tandem. Billing associated with all transit traffic shall be pursuant to MECAB procedures. Wireless Type 1 traffic shall not be treated as transit traffic from a routing or billing perspective. Wireless Type 2A traffic shall not be treated as transit traffic from a routing or billing perspective until BellSouth and the Wireless carrier have the capability to properly meet-point-bill in accordance with Multiple Exchange Carrier Access Billing ("MECAB") guidelines.

6. **[OSS Rates – To the extent AT&T orders a Service and Element for the purpose of interconnection, the OSS Rates set forth in**

**Exhibit ___ of Attachment 2, incorporated herein by this reference,
shall apply.] [OPEN-AT&T]**

BELLSOUTH/ATT RATES
LOCAL-INTERCONNECTION

DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
LOCAL INTERCONNECTION (CALL TRANSPORT AND TERMINATION)		
End Office Switching, per mou	N/A	\$0.0019285
Direct Local Interconnection, per mou (same as End Office Switching in FL & LA)		NA
Tandem Switching, per mou	N/A	\$0.0008843
Tandem Local Interconnection, per mou (includes end office switching element)	N/A	NA
Multiple Tandem Switching, per mou (applies to initial tandem only), effective 10/99	N/A	NA
Local Intermediary, per mou (applies to transit traffic only)	N/A	NA
Tandem Intermediary Charge, per mou*	N/A	NA
† (This charge is applicable only to transit traffic and is applied in addition to applicable switching and/or interconnection charges.)		
TRUNK CHARGE		
Interim charges, both non-recurring and recurring, associated with interconnecting trunk groups between BellSouth and CLEC-1 shall be as set forth in this Exhibit. At such time as BellSouth develops a final cost based rate for such interconnecting trunk groups, the Parties shall amend this agreement to include such final cost based rates and shall true up such charges in accordance with this Attachment.		
Installation Trunk Side Service - per DS0		
NRG - 1st	TPP++	\$335.14
NRG - Add'l	TPP++	\$57.16
INTEROFFICE TRANSPORT		
Common (Shared) Transport		
Common (Shared) Transport per mile per mou	N/A	\$0.0000121
Common (Shared) Transport Facilities Termination per mou	N/A	\$0.0004672
Interoffice Channel Transport - Dedicated - VG		
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - 2-wire VG		
2-Wire VG - per mile per month	1L5XF	\$0.04
2-Wire VG - Facility Termination per month	1L5XF	\$21.42
NRG - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5XF	\$136.44
NRG - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5XF	\$51.37
NRG - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5XF	NA
NRG - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5XF	NA
NRG - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECC	\$3.50
NRG - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECC	NA
NRG - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$39.63
NRG - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$39.63
NRG - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Disconnect - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRG - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Disconnect - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - 2 Wire VG - Kentucky & Mississippi		
2-Wire VG - per mile per month	1L5NF	NA
2-Wire VG - Facility Termination per month	1L5NF	NA
NRG - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5NF	NA

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DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
NRC - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5NF	NA
NRC - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5NF	NA
NRC - 2-wire VG - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5NF	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMEK	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMEK	NA
NRC - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
NRC - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - 2-wire VG - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS0 - 56/64 KBPS		
DS0 - per mile per month	1L5XK	\$0.0373
DS0 - Facility Termination per month	1L5XK	\$20.71
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5XK	\$136.44
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5XK	\$51.37
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5XK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5XK	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMEK	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMEK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$39.68
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$39.63
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS0 - 56/64 KBPS - Kentucky & Mississippi		
DS0 - per mile per month	1L5NK	NA
DS0 - Facility Termination per month	1L5NK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5NK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5NK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5NK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5NK	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMEK	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMEK	NA
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS0 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS1		

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DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
DS1 - per mile per month	1L5XL	\$0.76
DS1 - Facility Termination per month	1L5XL	\$94.98
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5XL	\$216.27
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5XL	\$162.70
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5XL	NA
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5XL	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$39.63
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$39.63
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order-Disconnect--1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order-Disconnect--Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS1 - Kentucky & Mississippi		
DS1 - per mile per month	1L5NL	NA
DS1 - Facility Termination per month	1L5NL	NA
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5NL	NA
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5NL	NA
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5NL	NA
NRC - DS1 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5NL	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order-Disconnect--1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order-Disconnect--Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS3		
DS3 - per mile per month	1L5XM	\$8.13
DS3 - Facility Termination per month	1L5XM	\$967.70
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5XM	\$606.72
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5XM	\$423.45
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5XM	NA
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5XM	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$54.26
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$54.26
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order-Disconnect--1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge--Manual Svc Order-Disconnect--Add'l	SOMAN	NA

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DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
Interoffice Transport - Dedicated - DS3 - Kentucky & Mississippi		
DS3 - per mile per month	1L5NM	NA
DS3 - Facility Termination per month	1L5NM	NA
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - 1st	1L5NM	NA
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Add'l	1L5NM	NA
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - 1st	1L5NM	NA
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Disconnect Charge - Add'l	1L5NM	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Disconnect - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Disconnect - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Local Channel - Dedicated		
Local Channel - Dedicated - 2-Wire VG		
Monthly Recurring per month	TEFV2	\$18.83
Zone 1	TBD	NA
Zone 2	TBD	NA
Zone 3	TBD	NA
Zone 4	TBD	NA
NRC - STS-1 - Facility Termination - 1st	TEFV2	\$554.00
NRC - STS-1 - Facility Termination - Add'l	TEFV2	\$88.58
NRC - STS-1 - Facility Termination - Disconnect - 1st	TEFV2	NA
NRC - STS-1 - Facility Termination - Disconnect - Add'l	TEFV2	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - STS-1 - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$43.75
NRC - STS-1 - Incremental Charge - Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$13.55
NRC - STS-1 - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Elect-Disconnect-1st	SOMAN	NA
Local Channel - Dedicated - 4-Wire VG		
Monthly Recurring per month	TEFV4	\$18.05
Zone 1	TBD	NA
Zone 2	TBD	NA
Zone 3	TBD	NA
Zone 4	TBD	NA
NRC - 4-Wire VG - 1st	TEFV4	\$582.46
NRC - 4-Wire VG - Add'l	TEFV4	\$91.57
NRC - 4-Wire VG - Disconnect Chg - 1st	TEFV4	NA
NRC - 4-Wire VG - Disconnect Chg - Add'l	TEFV4	NA

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DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - 4-Wire VG - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$43.64
NRC - 4-Wire VG - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$13.55
Local Channel - Dedicated - DS1		
DS1 Monthly Recurring per month	TEFHG	\$37.20
DS1 per mile per month	1L5NC	\$0.00
Zone 1	TBD	NA
Zone 2	TBD	NA
Zone 3	TBD	NA
Zone 4	TBD	NA
NRC - DS1 - 1st	TEFHG	\$534.81
NRC - DS1 - Add'l	TEFHG	\$492.81
NRC - DS1 - Disconnect Chg - 1st	TEFHG	NA
NRC - DS1 - Disconnect Chg - Add'l	TEFHG	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$67.99
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$3.11
Local Channel - Dedicated - DS3		
DS3 - per mile per month	1L5NC	\$12.08
DS3 - Facility Termination per month	TEFHJ	\$493.31
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - 1st	TEFHJ	\$735.42
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Add'l	TEFHJ	\$519.31
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Disconnect - 1st	TEFHJ	NA
NRC - DS3 - Facility Termination - Disconnect - Add'l	TEFHJ	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECH	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECH	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAN	\$54.26
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAN	\$54.26
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-1st	SOMAN	NA
NRC - DS3 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect-Add'l	SOMAN	NA
CHANNELIZATION		
DS3 Channelization (DS3 to DS1)	SATCS	\$234.30
per Channelized System(28 DS1),per month		

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DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
NRC - 1st	SATCS	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATOS	NA
NRC - 1st - Disconnect	SATCS	\$11.99
NRC - Add'l - Disconnect	SATCS	\$12.05
per Interface per month (COC)	SATCO	\$8.68
NRC - 1st	SATCO	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATCO	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECS	\$3.50
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	\$25.69
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	\$8.92
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic - 1st	SOMAN	NA
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
DS3 Channelization (DS3 to DS1) - Kentucky & Mississippi		
per Channelized System (28 DS1) per month	SATNS	NA
NRC - 1st	SATNS	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATNS	NA
NRC - 1st - Disconnect	SATNS	NA
NRC - Add'l - Disconnect	SATNS	NA
per Interface per month (COC)	SATCO	NA
NRC - 1st	SATCO	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATCO	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECS	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECS	NA
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic - 1st	SOMAN	NA
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
DS1 Channelization (DS1 to DS0)		
per Channelized System (24 DS0) per month	SATC1	\$147.51
NRC - 1st	SATC1	\$220.89
NRC - Add'l	SATC1	\$137.15
NRC - 1st - Disconnect	SATC1	NA
NRC - Add'l - Disconnect	SATC1	NA
Interface (COC)		
per OCU-DP(data) card per month (2.4-64kbs)	SATSA	\$2.34
NRC - 1st	SATSA	\$12.05
NRC - Add'l	SATSA	\$8.68
per-BRITE card per month	SATSA	\$4.21
NRC - 1st	SATSA	\$12.05
NRC - Add'l	SATSA	\$8.68
per VG card per month (DS0)	SATSA	\$1.47
NRC - 1st	SATSA	\$12.05
NRC - Add'l	SATSA	\$8.68
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA

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DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECC	\$3.50
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECC	NA
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic -1st	SOMAN	\$25.59
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic -Add'l	SOMAN	\$8.92
Incremental Cost-Manual Svc. Order vs. Elect -Disconnect - 1st	SOMAN	NA
Incremental Cost-Manual Svc. Order vs. Elect -Disconnect - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
DS1 Channelization (DS1 to DS0) - Kentucky & Mississippi		
per Channelized System (24 DS0) per month	SASTN1	NA
NRC - 1st	SASTN1	NA
NRC - Add'l	SASTN1	NA
NRC - 1st - Disconnect	SASTN1	NA
NRC - Add'l - Disconnect	SASTN1	NA
- Interface (OOOI)		
per OCUDP(data)card per month (2.4-64kbs)	SATSA	NA
NRC - 1st	SATSA	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATSA	NA
per BRITE card per month	SATSA	NA
NRC - 1st	SATSA	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATSA	NA
per VG card per month (DS0)	SATSA	NA
NRC - 1st	SATSA	NA
NRC - Add'l	SATSA	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Manual Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMAN	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR	SOMECC	NA
NRC - Electronic Svc Order, per LSR disconnect	SOMECC	NA
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic -1st	SOMAN	NA
Channel System - Incremental Cost - Manual Svc. Order vs. Electronic -Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Incremental Cost-Manual Svc. Order vs. Elect -Disconnect - 1st	SOMAN	NA
Incremental Cost-Manual Svc. Order vs. Elect -Disconnect - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
Local Interconnection Mid-Span Meet		
Local Channel - Dedicated - DS1		
DS1 Monthly Recurring per month	TEFHG	\$18.60
NRC - DS1 - 1st	TEFHG	\$287.41
NRC - DS1 - Add'l	TEFHG	\$231.41
NRC - DS1 - Disconnect Chg.- 1st	TEFHG	NA
NRC - DS1 - Disconnect Chg - Add'l	TEFHG	NA
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - 1st	SOMAC	\$87.99
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order - Add'l	SOMAC	\$3.11
NRC - DS1 - Incremental Charge-Manual Svc Order-Disconnect	SOMAC	NA
NOTES:		
If no rate is identified in the contract, the rate for the specific service or function will be as set forth in applicable BellSouth tariff or as negotiated by the parties upon request by either party.		

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EXHIBIT B: SPACE LICENSE

1. AT&T, at its sole discretion, may license BellSouth to situate BellSouth equipment in the AT&T central office and to utilize AT&T site support services in the AT&T central office such as power, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and security for such equipment, for the sole purpose of interconnection. ~~AT&T's agreement to license space in the AT&T central office will not be unreasonably withheld.~~ Such licenses and site support services are referred to herein collectively as a "Space License." **If AT&T denies BellSouth a Space License in a particular AT&T central office, AT&T shall assure that BellSouth may interconnect with AT&T's network through an alternative arrangement reasonably acceptable to both parties, including without limitation, lease of AT&T's facilities directly connected to BellSouth's network; mid-span fiber meet; space in an adjacent premises; and an arrangement by which AT&T would assume ownership and control of equipment provided by BellSouth to be located in the AT&T central office for the sole purpose of interconnection. [OPEN AT&T/BST]**
2. The allowable network interfaces under a Space License are DS1, DS3 or another network interface as mutually agreed upon between the Parties to this Agreement.
3. Space Licenses are available subject to the availability of space and site support services in each AT&T central office. To establish a Space License, BellSouth must complete and submit a questionnaire providing requested information to support new space and site support services or to provide additional capacity for existing arrangements.
 - 3.1 Among the information to be provided in the questionnaire, BellSouth must identify the quantity, manufacturer, type and model of any equipment to be installed; the quantity, type and specifications of any transmission cable to be installed (collectively "Licensed Facilities"). The space in the AT&T central office in which BellSouth's equipment is or is to be located is referred to herein as the "Equipment Space."
 - 3.2 **[BellSouth is responsible for the installation of Licensed Facilities in accordance with AT&T's installation processes and procedures. BellSouth will use AT&T's certified vendors for the installation of License Facilities.] [OPEN-AT&T/BST]**

- 3.3 If BellSouth desires to modify its request, prior to notification from AT&T regarding availability, BellSouth may do so by requesting that AT&T cancel the original request providing a new questionnaire to AT&T to process.
4. Following receipt of the questionnaire, AT&T will determine whether there is sufficient AT&T central office space and site support services to meet the request contained in BellSouth's questionnaire. AT&T will notify BellSouth in writing within thirty (30) business days whether there is sufficient AT&T central office space available for each such request.
5. Upon receiving written notification of the availability of AT&T central office space from AT&T, BellSouth will provide written verification that it still requires such AT&T central office space. This written notification is BellSouth's firm order for each AT&T central office space requested, and will constitute an executed Space License under the terms of this Exhibit B.
6. The rates and charges are to be negotiated by the Parties.
7. AT&T agrees to provide site support services as follows:
 - 7.1 AT&T will design, engineer, furnish, install, and maintain cable racks for BellSouth's use.
 - 7.2 AT&T will design, engineer, furnish, install, and maintain a battery distribution fuse board ("BDFB") from which AT&T will supply DC power to BellSouth.
 - 7.3 AT&T will provide common use convenience outlets (120V) as required for test equipment, etc. within Equipment Space.
 - 7.4 AT&T will maintain temperature and humidity conditions for the Equipment Space within substantially the same ranges that AT&T maintains for its own similar equipment.
8. AT&T will provide the amount of space requested by BellSouth unless AT&T reasonably determines the quantity of space requested is not available. If the amount of requested space is not available, AT&T will specify the dimensions of the Equipment Space available and will specify any physical or space separation requirements. If the amount of space requested is available, AT&T will provide the location of the

space and will specify any physical or space separation requirements.

9. For the purpose of performing work for which BellSouth is responsible under this Exhibit B, AT&T licenses BellSouth to enter and exit the Equipment Space through portions of the AT&T central office as designated by AT&T. Unless a service outage is occurring or appears to be imminent, BellSouth shall perform its work in the AT&T central office during regular business hours as designated from time to time by AT&T. BellSouth and AT&T will establish contact lists and procedures for after hours entry to the AT&T central office.
10. BellSouth will provide a twenty-four (24) hour local or toll free telephone number which AT&T can use to verify the authority of such personnel to enter the Equipment Space. BellSouth shall furnish to AT&T, and keep current, samples of the identifying credentials to be carried by all BellSouth employees authorized to enter the Equipment Space. Notwithstanding Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference, or except in the case of willful misconduct or gross negligence on the part of AT&T, BellSouth hereby releases AT&T, AT&T's Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors, and suppliers from liabilities arising from the acts or omissions of any person who possesses a BellSouth employee identification badge and who was verified and admitted by AT&T.
11. While in the AT&T central office, employees of BellSouth **[and its contractors]** must comply at all times with AT&T's security and safety procedures and requirements. **[OPEN-AT&T]** AT&T may refuse entry to, or require the departure of, any person who is disorderly or who has failed to comply with AT&T's procedures and requirements after being notified of them.
12. ~~**[BellSouth will be responsible for selecting its contractors and causing their compliance with this Exhibit B.]**~~ **[OPEN-AT&T]**
13. Each Party shall cause its employees and contractors to act in a careful and workmanlike manner to avoid damage to the other Party's property and the property of others in and around AT&T's central office.
14. BellSouth's employees **[and contractors]** shall abide by the requirements of Section 5.10, Interference or Impairment, of Attachment 4, incorporated herein by this reference. **[OPEN-AT&T]**

15. In addition to the Licensed Facilities, BellSouth may bring into the Equipment Space whatever tools and equipment necessary to install and maintain its equipment. BellSouth will be responsible for the care and safeguarding of all such items. BellSouth may not bring into the AT&T central office any of the following: wet cell batteries, explosives, flammable liquids or gases, alcohol, controlled substances, weapons, cameras, tape recorders, and similar items.
16. AT&T and its designees may inspect or observe the Equipment Space, the space designated by AT&T for BellSouth transmission cable, the Licensed Facilities, and any work performed by or behalf of BellSouth in the AT&T central office, at any time. If the Equipment Space is surrounded by a security enclosure, BellSouth shall furnish AT&T with all mechanisms and information needed for entry to the Equipment Space.
17. AT&T and BellSouth intend that the Licensed Facilities, whether or not physically affixed to the AT&T central office, shall not be construed to be fixtures. BellSouth (or the lessor of BellSouth equipment, if applicable) will report the Licensed Facilities as its personal property wherever required by applicable laws, and will pay all taxes levied upon the Licensed Facilities.
18. BellSouth agrees not to sell, convey, or lease BellSouth transmission cable under any circumstances, except for a conveyance of BellSouth transmission cable to AT&T or to another space licensee upon termination of the applicable Space License. BellSouth further agrees not to cause, suffer, or permit BellSouth transmission cable to become encumbered by a lien, trust, pledge, or security interest as a result of rights granted by BellSouth or any act or omission of BellSouth. If BellSouth transmission cable becomes so encumbered, BellSouth agrees to discharge the obligation within thirty (30) days after receiving notice of the encumbrance.
19. The licenses granted by this Agreement are non-exclusive personal privileges allowing BellSouth to situate the Licensed Facilities in the locations indicated by AT&T. These licenses and the payments by BellSouth under this Agreement do not create or vest in BellSouth (or in any other person) any property right or interest of any nature in any part of the AT&T central office.
20. The licenses granted to BellSouth under this Agreement shall be subordinate to any mortgages or deeds of trust that may now exist or

may in the future be placed upon any AT&T central office; to any and all advances to be made under such mortgages or deeds of trust; and to the interest thereon and all renewals, replacements, or extensions thereof.

21. AT&T may relocate the licensed space, or the AT&T central office, or both upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to BellSouth. If relocation of Licensed Facilities is required, the party that originally installed such Licensed Facilities will be responsible for relocating them. Any such relocation work that is AT&T's responsibility and is performed by AT&T will be without charge to BellSouth. AT&T will reimburse BellSouth for the reasonable cost of such relocation work performed by BellSouth, and AT&T will provide at its own expense any additional or replacement cable racks and BellSouth transmission cable needed to accommodate the relocation of the installation. AT&T and BellSouth will work together in good faith to minimize any disruption of service in connection with such relocation.
22. Licensed Facilities will be furnished, installed and maintained in accordance with the following:
 - 22.1 BellSouth agrees to furnish all Licensed Facilities.
 - 22.2 BellSouth agrees to install the Licensed Facilities. BellSouth agrees to comply with specifications and processes furnished by AT&T for installation performed by BellSouth.
 - 22.3 BellSouth agrees to install the DC power supply and single circuit (battery and ground) from its fuse panel located in BellSouth's frame to the designated AT&T power source. BellSouth will distribute the power among its equipment within the Equipment Space.
 - 22.4 **[BellSouth agrees to maintain in good working order all BellSouth equipment in Equipment Space. AT&T agrees to repair BellSouth transmission cable. BellSouth is not permitted to repair installed BellSouth transmission cable in order to avoid possible harm to other transmission cables.] [OPEN-AT&T]**
 - 22.5 **[BellSouth may use contractors to perform installation and maintenance for which BellSouth is responsible. AT&T consents to use of those contractors listed on a then current AT&T approved list of BellSouth submitted contractors. Use of any other contractors shall require AT&T's prior written consent,**

which shall not be unreasonably withheld.] [OPEN-AT&T/BST]

- 22.6 BellSouth may, at its own discretion and expense, choose to install its equipment in locked cabinets, provided that space and configuration will permit such. If BellSouth chooses to install its equipment in locked cabinets, BellSouth shall leave the appropriate keys with AT&T and agrees to allow AT&T the right of entry to such cabinets.
23. Under the Space Licenses, AT&T performs no communications services, provides no goods except for short lengths of wire or cable and small parts incidental to the services furnished by AT&T, and provides no maintenance for any BellSouth equipment in Equipment Space. AT&T warrants that the services provided under this Agreement will be performed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with AT&T technical specifications and that the incidental material provided by AT&T shall be free from defects. AT&T MAKES NO OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.
24. In addition to any other rights or remedies that AT&T may have under this Agreement or at law, AT&T may terminate the applicable Space License if any of the following events occurs and is not corrected within thirty (30) days after written notice to cure:
- 24.1 BellSouth fails to pay charges due or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Exhibit B.
- 24.2 BellSouth fails to comply with applicable laws or is in any way prevented by the order or action of any court, or other governmental entity from performing any of its obligations under this Exhibit B.
25. In the event that a Space License is terminated for any reason, the Parties will act in accordance with the following:
- 25.1 Within thirty (30) days after termination of a Space License, BellSouth will, at its sole expense, remove all BellSouth equipment in Equipment Space and restore the Equipment Space to its previous condition, normal wear and tear excepted. If BellSouth fails to complete such removal and restoration within thirty (30) days after termination of the applicable Space License, AT&T may, at its option, upon ten (10) days written notice to BellSouth, perform the removal and restoration at BellSouth's sole risk and expense.

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- 25.2 Because removal of installed BellSouth transmission cable may cause damage to other cables or fiber, BellSouth agrees to relinquish or transfer its transmission cable to AT&T or to another AT&T space licensee in lieu of removal. Upon termination of the applicable Space License, unless transferred to another AT&T space licensee, all BellSouth transmission cable will be automatically conveyed to AT&T, thereby becoming the property of AT&T, free of any interest or lien of any kind by BellSouth (or by any person claiming through BellSouth). At AT&T's request, BellSouth will promptly execute and deliver to AT&T a bill of conveyance or such other assurances as may be requisite to confirm or perfect the transfer of BellSouth transmission cable to AT&T.
- 25.3 If no monies are owed by BellSouth to AT&T under this Agreement, AT&T agrees to deliver such removed equipment to BellSouth's last known business address or to a domestic location designated by BellSouth, at BellSouth's sole risk and expense.

[Agreement of this Space License is contingent upon approval of the following items to be furnished by AT&T to BellSouth:

- **Questionnaire referred to in sections 3 and 4.**
- **Installation process and procedures referred to in section 3.2.**
- **List of AT&T's certified vendors referred to in section 3.2.**
- **Security and safety procedures and requirements referred to in section 11.**
- **Specifications and processes referred to in section 22.2.**
- **Emergency repair process for inclusion in section 22.4.]**

Preferred Interconnection Architecture

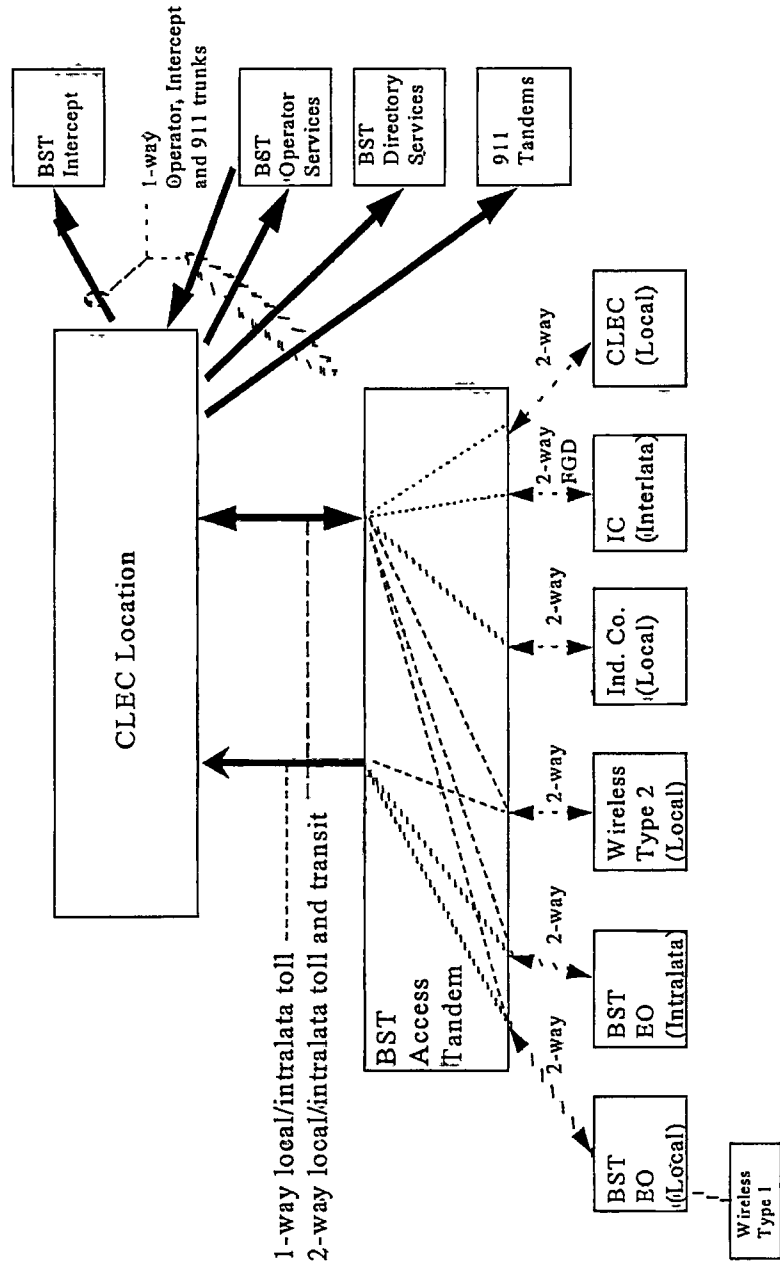


Exhibit C

One Way Trunking Interconnection

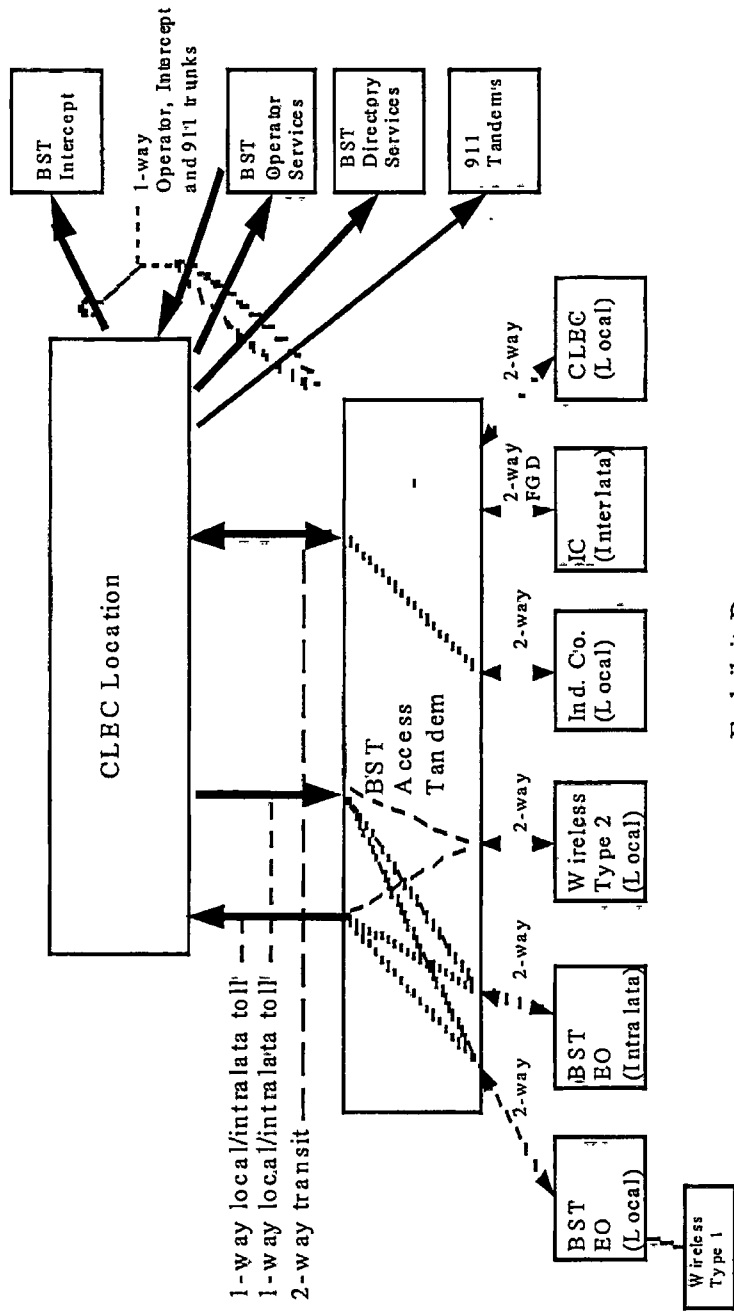


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Two Way Trunking Interconnection

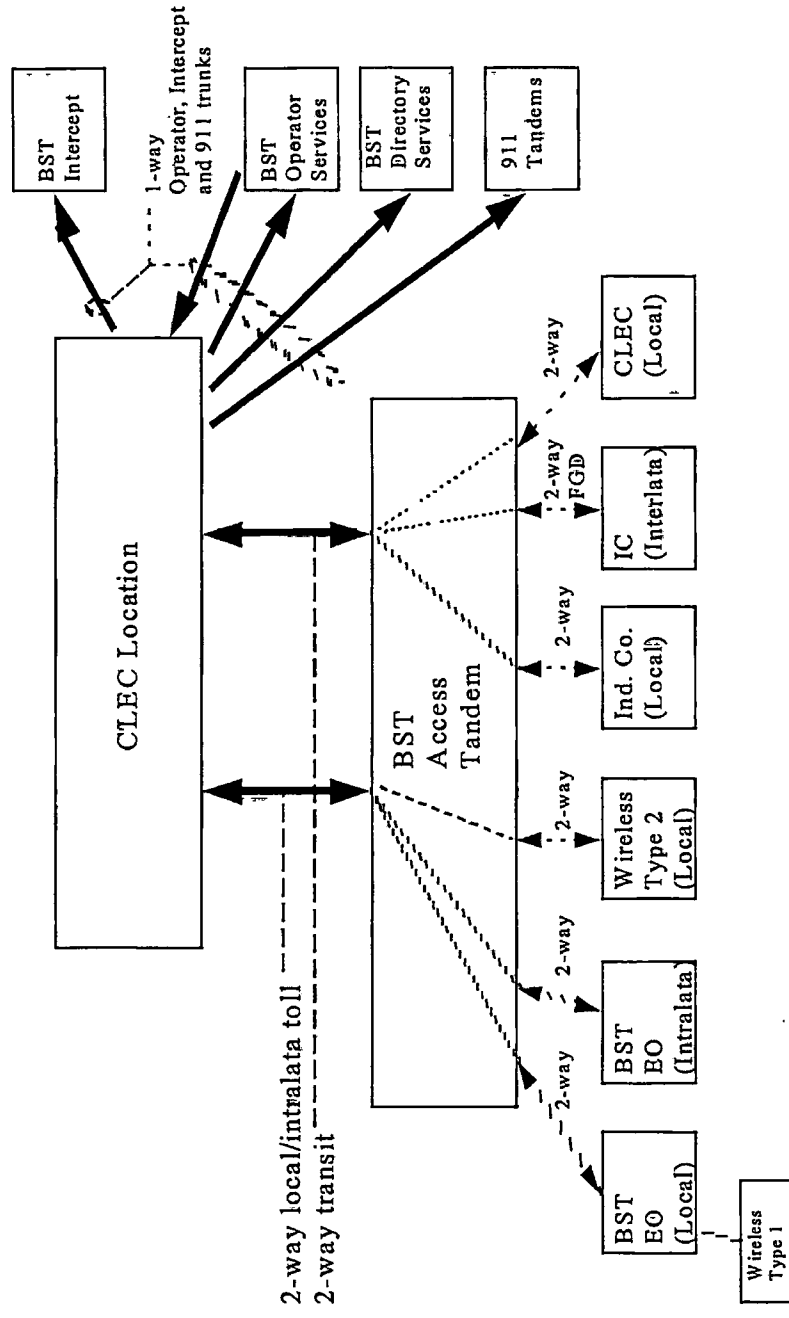


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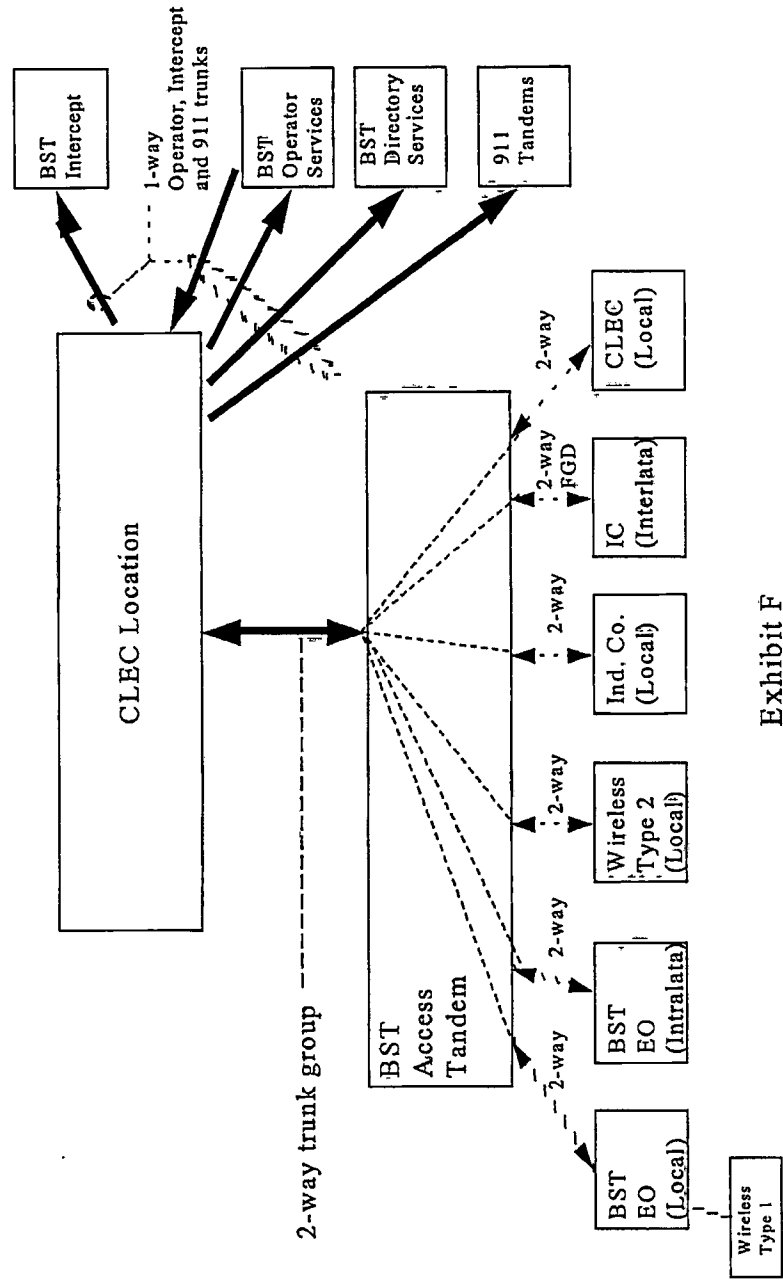


Exhibit F

Attachment 4

Collocation

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COLLOCATION

1. SCOPE OF ATTACHMENT

1.1 Scope of Attachment. BellSouth shall offer to AT&T collocation on rates, terms and conditions that are just, reasonable, nondiscriminatory and consistent with the rules and regulations of the FCC. If BellSouth provides any collocation to its own customers, to a BellSouth affiliate or to any other entity, BellSouth will provide the same collocation to AT&T at rates, terms and conditions no less favorable to AT&T than those provided by BellSouth to itself or to any other party. The rates, terms, and conditions contained within this Attachment shall only apply when AT&T is occupying the collocation space as a sole occupant or as a Host, as defined below, pursuant to Section 3 of this Attachment 4.

1.2 Right to occupy. Subject to Section 4 of this Attachment 4, BellSouth hereby grants to AT&T a right to occupy that certain area designated by BellSouth within a BellSouth Premises, of a size which is specified by AT&T and agreed to by BellSouth (hereinafter "Collocation Space"). "Premises" refers to BellSouth's central offices and serving wire centers, as well as all buildings or similar structures owned or leased by BellSouth that house its network facilities, and all structures that house BellSouth's facilities on public rights-of-way, including but not limited to vaults containing loop concentrators or similar structures. To the extent this Agreement does not include all the necessary rates, terms and conditions for BellSouth Premises other than BellSouth central offices, the Parties will negotiate said rates, terms and conditions at the request for collocation at other than a central office. Notwithstanding the foregoing, BellSouth shall consider in its designation for cageless collocation any unused space within the BellSouth Premises. The size specified by AT&T may contemplate a request for space sufficient to accommodate AT&T's growth within a two year period unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

1.2.1 Space Reclamation. In the event of space exhaust within a Premise, BellSouth may provide notice, which must be in writing, to AT&T requesting that AT&T release non-utilized Collocation Space to BellSouth to be allocated to other physical collocation applicants when 100% of the space in AT&T's collocation arrangement is not being utilized by the end of the second year from the date AT&T accepted the Collocation Space. AT&T, within twenty (20) days of receipt of a written notification from BellSouth, shall either: (i) return the non-

utilized Collocation Space to BellSouth, in which case AT&T shall be relieved of all obligation for charges for that portion of the Collocation Space so released; (ii) provide BellSouth evidence that equipment is on order which will be installed in the non-utilized Collocation Space; or (iii) enter into a sharing relationship with another telecommunications carrier who will utilize the non-utilized Collocation Space.

- 1.3 Use of Space. AT&T shall use the Collocation Space for the purposes of installing, provisioning, maintaining and operating AT&T's equipment (to include testing and monitoring equipment) used or useful primarily to gain access to Network Elements and Combinations and secondarily to interconnect with BellSouth services and facilities, for the provision of telecommunications services. Pursuant to Section 5 of this Attachment 4, AT&T may at its option, place AT&T-owned or AT&T-leased entrance facilities to the Collocation Space. In addition to, and not in lieu of, interconnection to BellSouth services and facilities, AT&T may connect to other interconnectors within the designated BellSouth Premises (including to its other virtual or physical collocated arrangements) through co-carrier cross connect facilities designated by AT&T pursuant to Section 5.6 of this Attachment 4. The Collocation Space may be used for no other purposes except as specifically described herein or authorized in writing by BellSouth.
- 1.4 BellSouth will offer virtual or adjacent, where technically feasible, collocation of the equipment where BellSouth is prepared to demonstrate that physical collocation is not practical for technical reasons or because of space limitations as provided in § 251(c)(6) of the Act and FCC orders.
- 1.5 Rates and charges. AT&T agrees to pay the rates and charges identified at Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 1.6 [Due Dates. If any due date contained in this Attachment falls on a weekend or National holiday, then the due date will be the next business day thereafter.] [OPEN-AT&T]
- 1.7 DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL: In buildings in which BellSouth and AT&T have a joint tenancy, referred to herein as Condominium Arrangements, AT&T shall locate, in AT&T's wire center, equipment that enables AT&T to access BellSouth provided Network Elements at the DS0, DS1, DS3, OC3, OC12, OC48,

STS-1, STS-3c, and other rates that are established pursuant to the applicable industry standard technical references. AT&T's equipment located in the condo space shall be treated as collocated equipment in all respects including the right for AT&T to interconnect directly to other collocated CLECs in BellSouth's physical space. AT&T shall be responsible for the connection between AT&T wire center and BellSouth's facilities. Should AT&T elect to place a physical collocation arrangement in BellSouth's wire center, AT&T shall be allowed to cable directly between the AT&T wire center in the condo building to the AT&T collocation space in BellSouth's wire center without having to go off-premise.

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2. SPACE NOTIFICATION

- 2.1 Availability of Space. Upon submission of an application pursuant to Section 6 of this Attachment 4, BellSouth will permit AT&T to physically collocate, pursuant to the terms of this Attachment, at any BellSouth Premises, unless BellSouth has determined that there is no space available due to space limitations or no space available due to technical infeasibility. BellSouth will respond to a Louisiana Application within ten (10) calendar days for space availability for one (1) to ten (10) Applications; fifteen (15) calendar days for eleven (11) to twenty (20) Applications; and for more than twenty (20) Applications, it is increased by five (5) calendar days for every five additional

Applications received within five (5) business days. If the amount of space requested is not available, BellSouth will notify AT&T of the amount of space that is available.

- 2.2 Reporting. Upon request from AT&T, BellSouth will provide a written report specifying the amount of collocation space available at the Premises requested, the number of collocators present at the Premises, any modifications in the use of the space since the last report or the Premises requested and the measures BellSouth is taking to make additional space available for collocation arrangements.
- 2.2.1 The request from AT&T must be written and must include the Premises and Common Language Location Identification ("CLLI") code of the Premises where applicable. Such information regarding Premises and CLLI code is located in the National Exchange Carriers Association ("NECA") Tariff FCC No. 4.
- 2.2.2 BellSouth will respond to a request for a particular Premises within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of such request. BellSouth will respond in ten (10) calendar days to a request for up to and including five (5) Premises within the same state. The response time for a request of more than five (5) Premises shall be negotiated between the Parties. If BellSouth cannot meet the ten (10) calendar-day response time, BellSouth shall notify AT&T and inform AT&T of the time frame under which it can respond.
- 2.3 Denial of Application. After notifying AT&T that BellSouth has no available space in the requested Premises ("Denial of Application"), BellSouth will allow AT&T, upon request, to tour the entire Premises within ten (10) calendar days of such Denial of Application. In order to schedule said tour within ten (10) calendar days, the request for a tour of the central office must be received by BellSouth within five (5) calendar days of the Denial of Application. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties may agree to conduct the tour outside of the 10-day period.
- 2.4 Filing of Petition for Waiver. Upon Denial of Application BellSouth will timely file a petition with the Commission pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 251(c)(6) and the appropriate state and federal rules and regulations.
- 2.5 Waiting List. On a first come first served basis, BellSouth will maintain a waiting list of requesting carriers who have either received a Denial of Application or, where it is publicly known that the Premises is out of

space, have submitted a letter of intent to collocate. BellSouth will notify the telecommunications carriers on the waiting list when space becomes available according to how much space becomes available and the position of the telecommunications carrier on said waiting list. Upon request BellSouth will advise AT&T as to its position on the list.

- 2.6 Public Notification. BellSouth will maintain on its Interconnection Services website a notification document that will indicate all Premises that are without available space. BellSouth shall update such document within ten (10) business days of the Denial of Application date. BellSouth will also post a document on its Interconnection Services website that contains a general notice where space has become available in a central office previously on the space exhaust list. BellSouth shall allocate said available space pursuant to the waiting list referenced in Section 2.5 of this Attachment 4.

3. COLLOCATION OPTIONS

- 3.1 Cageless. Except where local building code does not allow cageless collocation, BellSouth shall allow AT&T to collocate AT&T's equipment and facilities without requiring the construction of a cage or similar structure to enclose said equipment and without requiring the creation of a separate entrance to the Collocation Space. BellSouth shall allow AT&T to have direct access to its equipment and facilities but may require AT&T to use a central entrance to the BellSouth Premises. BellSouth shall make cageless collocation available in single bay increments pursuant to Section 7.5 of this Attachment 4. BellSouth shall assign cageless Collocation Space in conventional equipment rack lineups where feasible. For equipment requiring special technical considerations, AT&T must provide the equipment layout, including spatial dimensions for such equipment pursuant to Section 5.1.1 of this Attachment 4 and shall be responsible for constructing all special technical requirements associated with such equipment pursuant to Section 6.5 of this Attachment 4.

- 3.1.1 Shared Cageless Collocation. AT&T may allow other telecommunications carriers to share AT&T's cageless collocation arrangements pursuant to the terms and conditions of Section 3.1.1 and Section 3.3 of this Attachment. Notwithstanding the forgoing, sharing of cageless space within the cageless arrangement shall not be authorized (1) where local building codes do not allow shared cageless collocation; or (2) where the BellSouth Premises is located within a leased space and BellSouth is prohibited by that lease from

offering shared cageless collocation or (3) where the only remaining space of AT&T's cageless collocation arrangement requires AT&T's equipment to be commingled with BellSouth equipment. For purposes of this section, commingled means that the location of the AT&T cageless arrangement in the BellSouth equipment lineup is such that BellSouth is not able to enclose BellSouth's equipment. AT&T shall coordinate with its Guest, as defined below, and BellSouth to limit the number of parties working within the shared cageless collocation arrangement at the same time. BellSouth agrees to waive this provision in the event a specific project requires the presence of multiple parties all at the same time.

- 3.2 Cages and Adjacent Arrangement Enclosures. At AT&T's option and upon request, BellSouth shall construct cages in compliance with AT&T's collocation request. At AT&T's request, BellSouth shall permit AT&T to subcontract the construction of physical collocation arrangements with BellSouth Certified Vendors, provided however, that BellSouth shall not unreasonably withhold approval of contractors.
- 3.2.1 When AT&T subcontracts the construction, AT&T must arrange with a BellSouth Certified Vendor to construct a collocation arrangement enclosure in accordance with BellSouth's guidelines and specifications and at AT&T's expense. BellSouth will provide guidelines and specifications upon request. Where local building codes require enclosure specifications more stringent than BellSouth's standard enclosure specification, AT&T and AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor must comply with local building code requirements. AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor shall be responsible for filing and receiving any and all necessary permits and/or licenses for such construction. BellSouth shall cooperate with AT&T and provide, at AT&T's expense, the documentation, including architectural drawings, necessary for AT&T to obtain the zoning, permits and/or other licenses. BellSouth shall pass on to AT&T the costs of providing the documentation. The Certified Vendor shall bill AT&T directly for all work performed for AT&T pursuant to this Attachment and BellSouth shall have no liability for nor responsibility to pay such charges invoiced by the Certified Vendor.
- 3.2.2 BellSouth has the right to inspect the enclosure after construction to make sure it is designed and constructed according to BellSouth's specifications and to require AT&T to remove or correct at AT&T's cost any structure that does not meet these standards.
- 3.2.3 AT&T must provide the local BellSouth building contact with two Access Keys used to enter the locked enclosure. Access Keys

provided to BellSouth shall not be duplicated under any circumstances. Except in case of emergency, BellSouth will not access AT&T's locked enclosure prior to notifying AT&T. BellSouth shall notify AT&T in writing immediately in the case of lost or stolen Access Keys. BellSouth will reimburse AT&T the reasonable costs to replace each Access Key lost or stolen. Should it become necessary for AT&T to re-key locked enclosures as a result of a lost Access Key(s) or for failure to return an Access Key(s), BellSouth shall pay for all reasonable costs associated with the re-keying. AT&T shall have the right, at its expense, to have locks changed where deemed necessary for the protection and security of its locked enclosures, provided that AT&T shall immediately provide BellSouth with such new keys.

- 3.3 Shared Caged Collocation. AT&T may allow other telecommunications carriers to share AT&T's caged collocation arrangement pursuant to terms and conditions agreed to by AT&T ("Host") and other telecommunications carriers ("Guests") and pursuant to this section with the following exceptions: (1) where local building code does not allow Shared Caged Collocation and (2) where the BellSouth Premises is located within a leased space and BellSouth is prohibited by said lease from offering such an option. The terms and conditions of the agreement between the Host and its Guests shall be written and AT&T shall provide written notice to BellSouth that it has entered into a shared arrangement prior to submitting an application for said Guest. Further, said agreement shall incorporate by reference the rates, terms, and conditions of this Attachment 4.
- 3.3.1 AT&T shall be the sole interface and responsible party to BellSouth for the purpose of submitting applications for initial and additional equipment placements of Guest; for assessment of rates and charges contained within this Attachment; and for the purposes of ensuring that the safety and security requirements of this Attachment are fully complied with by the Guest, its employees and agents. In the event the Host and Guest jointly submit an initial Application, only one Application Fee will be assessed. A separate initial Guest Application shall require the assessment of a Subsequent Application Fee, as set forth in Exhibit A, if this Application is not the initial Application made for the arrangement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Guest may arrange directly with BellSouth for the provision of the interconnecting facilities between BellSouth and Guest and for the provisions of the services and access to Network Elements.

- 3.3.2 AT&T shall indemnify and hold harmless BellSouth from any and all claims, actions, causes of action, of whatever kind or nature arising out of the presence of AT&T's Guests in the Collocation Space.
- 3.4 Adjacent Collocation. BellSouth will make available, where space is legitimately exhausted in a particular BellSouth Premises, collocation in adjacent controlled environmental vaults or similar structures to the extent technically feasible. BellSouth will permit AT&T to construct or otherwise procure such an adjacent structure, subject only to reasonable safety and maintenance requirements. BellSouth will provide power and physical collocation services and facilities, subject to the same nondiscrimination requirements as applicable to any other physical collocation arrangement. BellSouth will permit AT&T to place its own equipment, including, but not limited to, copper cables, coaxial cables, fiber cables, and telecommunications equipment, in adjacent facilities constructed by either BellSouth or by AT&T itself. The Adjacent Arrangement shall be constructed or procured by AT&T and in conformance with BellSouth's reasonable safety and maintenance requirements. BellSouth will provide specifications upon request. Further, AT&T shall construct, procure, maintain and operate said Adjacent Arrangement(s) pursuant to all of the terms and conditions set forth in this Attachment. Rates shall be as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 3.4.1 Should AT&T elect such option, AT&T must arrange with a BellSouth Certified Vendor to construct an Adjacent Arrangement structure. Where local building codes require enclosure specifications more stringent than BellSouth's standard specification, AT&T and AT&T's contractor must comply with local building code requirements. AT&T's contractor shall be responsible for filing and receiving any and all necessary zoning, permits and/or licenses for such construction. BellSouth shall cooperate with AT&T and provide, at AT&T's expense, the documentation necessary for AT&T to obtain the zoning, permits and/or other licenses. BellSouth shall pass on to AT&T the costs of providing the documentation. AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor shall bill AT&T directly for all work performed for AT&T pursuant to this Attachment and BellSouth shall have no liability for nor responsibility to pay such charges invoiced by the Certified Vendor.
- 3.4.2 BellSouth may inspect the Adjacent Arrangement(s) following construction and prior to the Commencement Date, as defined in Section 4.1 of this Attachment 4, to ensure the design and construction comply with BellSouth's specifications. BellSouth may require AT&T, at AT&T's sole cost, to correct any deviations from BellSouth's specifications found during such inspection(s), up to and including removal of the Adjacent Arrangement, within five (5)

business days of BellSouth's inspection, unless the Parties mutually agree to an alternative time frame.

- 3.4.3 AT&T shall provide a concrete pad, the structure housing the arrangement, HVAC, lighting, and all facilities that connect the structure (i.e. racking and conduit) to the BellSouth point of interconnection. At AT&T's option, BellSouth shall provide an AC power source and access to physical collocation services and facilities subject to the same nondiscriminatory requirements as applicable to any other physical collocation arrangement.
- 3.4.4 Where AT&T has elected to construct the adjacent enclosure itself, BellSouth shall deliver to AT&T the requested ground space thirty (30) days after BellSouth receives AT&T's Bona Fide Firm Order.
- 3.4.5 BellSouth shall allow other telecommunications carriers to share AT&T's Adjacent Arrangements pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 3.3 above.

4. OCCUPANCY

- 4.1 Commencement Date. The "Commencement Date" shall be the day AT&T's equipment becomes operational as described in Section 4.2 of this Attachment 4.
- 4.2 Occupancy. BellSouth will notify AT&T in writing that the Collocation Space is ready for occupancy. AT&T must place operational telecommunications equipment in the Collocation Space and begin either receiving access to Network Elements or interconnecting with BellSouth's network within one hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of such notice. AT&T must notify BellSouth in writing that collocation equipment installation is complete and is operational with BellSouth's network. If AT&T fails to place operational telecommunications equipment in the Collocation Space within 180 calendar days and such failure continues for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from BellSouth, then BellSouth may, upon thirty (30) days written notice, request AT&T to return the space. AT&T is not required to return the space if, within that thirty (30) day period: (1) AT&T utilizes the space by placing equipment in the space; (2) AT&T provides BellSouth a legitimate business plan within fifteen (15) calendar days showing its intent to utilize the space within forty-five (45) days of submitting the business plan; or (3) AT&T enters into a sharing relationship for its space pursuant to Section 3.4 of this Attachment 4. In the event that AT&T does not satisfy any of the

foregoing conditions, its right to occupy the Collocation Space terminates and BellSouth shall have no further obligations to AT&T with respect to said Collocation Space. However, for good cause shown, AT&T may request and BellSouth will grant an extension of up to 30/60 days. Termination of AT&T's rights to the Collocation Space pursuant to this section shall not operate to release AT&T from its obligation to reimburse BellSouth for all unpaid costs reasonably incurred by BellSouth pursuant to Section 4.2.2 of this Attachment 4 in preparing the Collocation Space, but rather such obligation shall survive this Attachment. For purposes of this Section 4.2, AT&T's telecommunications equipment will be deemed operational when cross-connected to BellSouth's network for the purpose of service provision.

- 4.2.1 If, after the initial installation of AT&T's equipment, the initial connections provided by BellSouth on BellSouth's side of the demarcation point do not allow AT&T's equipment to function in a manner that allows AT&T to provide telecommunications services to its end users, BellSouth will credit AT&T the floor space charges for the period of time that the AT&T equipment is not operational due to the faulty connections. Such credit will also include a pro rata credit for cross-connections and any Network Elements ordered and installed and will not apply if the malfunction results from BellSouth provisioning such connections in accordance with AT&T specifications.
- 4.2.2 Termination. Except where otherwise agreed to by the Parties, AT&T may terminate occupancy in a particular Collocation Space upon thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice to BellSouth. Upon termination of such occupancy, AT&T at its expense shall remove its equipment and other property from the Collocation Space. AT&T shall have thirty (30) calendar days from the termination date to complete such removal, including the removal of all equipment and facilities of any other occupant of AT&T's Collocation Space; provided, however, that AT&T shall continue payment of monthly fees to BellSouth until such date as AT&T has fully vacated the Collocation Space. Upon expiration of this Attachment, AT&T shall surrender the Collocation Space to BellSouth in the same condition as when first occupied by the AT&T except for ordinary wear and tear. Unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties, AT&T shall be responsible for the cost of removing any enclosure, together with all support structures (e.g., racking, conduits), of an Adjacent Collocation arrangement at the termination of occupancy and restoring the grounds to their original condition.

5. USE OF COLLOCATION SPACE

- 5.1 Equipment Type. BellSouth shall permit the collocation of any type of equipment used or useful for interconnection or for access to Network Elements in the provision of telecommunications services. Such equipment used or useful for interconnection and access to Network Elements includes, but is not limited to transmission equipment including, but not limited to, optical terminating equipment and multiplexers, equipment being collocated to terminate basic transmission facilities pursuant to § 64.1401 and § 64.1402 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations as of August 1, 1996, and digital subscriber line access multiplexers, routers, asynchronous transfer mode multiplexers, remote switching modules, and digital/optical cross-connect panels, and digital loop carrier. Nothing in this section requires BellSouth to permit collocation of equipment used solely for switching or solely to provide enhanced services; provided, however, that BellSouth may not place any limitations on the ability of AT&T to use all the features, functions, and capabilities of equipment collocated including, but not limited to, switching and routing features and functions and enhanced services functionalities.
- 5.1.1 Such equipment must at a minimum meet the following BellCore (Telcordia) Network Equipment Building Specifications (NEBS) General Equipment Requirements: Criteria Level 1 requirements as outlined in the BellCore (Telcordia) Special Report SR-3580, Issue 1; equipment design spatial requirements per GR-63-CORE, Section 2; thermal heat dissipation per GR-063-CORE, Section 4, Criteria 77-79; acoustic noise per GR-063-CORE, Section 4, Criterion 128, and National Electric Code standards. BellSouth may not object to the Collocation of equipment on the ground that the equipment fails to comply with NEBS performance standards.
- 5.1.2 AT&T shall not use the Collocation Space for marketing purposes nor shall it place any advertising signs or markings in the area surrounding the Collocation Space or on the grounds of the Premises.
- 5.1.3 AT&T shall place a plaque or other identification affixed to AT&T's equipment, cage or adjacent structure necessary to identify AT&T's equipment, including a list of emergency contacts with telephone numbers.
- 5.1.4 BellSouth shall not impose any performance standards, except for safety, on AT&T equipment. These safety standards will not exceed

the standards that BellSouth imposes on its own equipment, its subsidiaries' equipment, or to the equipment of any third person.

- 5.2 For both Physical Collocation and Virtual Collocation, AT&T may either purchase unbundled transmission facilities (and any necessary cross-connection) from BellSouth or provide its own or third-party leased transmission facilities and terminate those transmission facilities in its equipment located in its Collocation Space at BellSouth's Premises.

- 5.3 Entrance Facilities. AT&T may elect to place AT&T-owned or AT&T-leased entrance facilities into the Collocation Space. BellSouth will designate the point of interconnection as close as reasonably possible to the Premises housing the Collocation Space, such as an entrance manhole or a cable vault which are physically accessible by both Parties. AT&T will provide and place fiber cable at the point of interconnection of sufficient length to be pulled through conduit and into the splice location. If AT&T desires to place cable other than fiber, BellSouth shall permit interconnection using copper or coaxial cable if such interconnection is first approved by the Commission. AT&T will provide and install a sufficient length of fire retardant riser cable, to which the entrance cable will be spliced, which will extend from the splice location to the AT&T's equipment in the Collocation Space. AT&T must arrange for BellSouth to splice the entrance facility to AT&T-provided riser cable. In the event AT&T utilizes a non-metallic, riser-type entrance facility, a splice will not be required. Pursuant to the AT&T/BellSouth Right-of-Way Attachment 8, incorporated herein by this reference, AT&T must contact BellSouth for instructions prior to placing the entrance facility cable in the manhole. AT&T is responsible for maintenance of the entrance cable.

- 5.3.1 Dual Entrance. BellSouth will provide at least two (2) such Interconnection points at each BellSouth Premises at which there are at least two (2) entry points for BellSouth's cable facilities, and at which space is available for new facilities in at least two (2) of those entry points. In response to a request for physical collocation under this Attachment, BellSouth shall provide AT&T with information regarding BellSouth's capacity to accommodate dual entrance facilities. Consistent with Attachment 8, incorporated herein by this reference, if conduit in the serving manhole(s) is available and is not reserved for another purpose, BellSouth will make the requested conduit space available for installing a second entrance facility to AT&T's arrangement. The location of the serving manhole(s) will be determined at the sole discretion of BellSouth so long as the location selected is as close as reasonably possible. Where dual entrance is

not available due to lack of capacity, BellSouth will so state in the Application Response.

- 5.3.2 Shared Use. AT&T may utilize spare capacity on an existing telecommunications service providers entrance facility for the purpose of providing an entrance facility to another AT&T collocation arrangement within the same Premises. AT&T must arrange for BellSouth to splice the entrance facility to AT&T—provided riser cable.
- 5.4 Splicing in the Entrance Manhole. Although not generally permitted, should AT&T request a splice to occur in the entrance manhole(s), BellSouth, at its sole discretion, may grant such a request, provided that BellSouth will not unreasonably withhold approval of requests to make such a splice. When the request for a splice is granted to AT&T by BellSouth, AT&T shall ensure its employees or agents entering and/or performing work in the entrance manhole(s) are trained and comply with BellSouth procedures and OSHA requirements regarding access to manholes and that BellSouth personnel are notified and present for all entrances and work performed in the entrance manhole(s). Manhole covers shall be properly closed and secured at the conclusion of entry and/or work. Advance notification to BellSouth shall occur at a minimum of 48 hours prior to desired entry for normal work activities and at a minimum of 2 hours prior to desired entry in an out of service condition.
- 5.5 Demarcation Point. For the purposes of this Attachment, BellSouth will designate the point(s) of interconnection between AT&T's equipment and/or network and BellSouth's network located as close as reasonably possible to AT&T's Collocation Space. Each Party will be responsible for maintenance and operation of all equipment/facilities on its side of the demarcation point. BellSouth will not require AT&T to use an intermediate interconnection arrangement in lieu of direct connection to BellSouth's network, if technically feasible. For 2-wire and 4-wire connections to BellSouth's network, the demarcation point shall be a common block on the BellSouth designated conventional distributing frame. AT&T shall be responsible for providing, and AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor shall be responsible for installing and properly labeling/stenciling, the common block, and necessary cabling pursuant to Section 6.4 of this Attachment 4. For all other terminations BellSouth shall designate a demarcation point on a per arrangement basis. AT&T or its agent must perform all required maintenance to equipment/facilities on its side of the demarcation point, pursuant to Section 5.6 of this Attachment 4, and may self-provision cross-connects that may be required within the collocation space to activate service requests. At AT&T's option, expense, and if

space permits, a Point of Termination ("POT") bay or frame may be placed in the Collocation Space but shall not serve as the demarcation point, but may serve as a testing point.

5.6 AT&T's Equipment and Facilities. AT&T, or if required by this Attachment, AT&T's BellSouth certified vendor, is solely responsible for the design, engineering, installation, testing, provisioning, performance, monitoring, maintenance and repair of the equipment and facilities used by AT&T. Such equipment and facilities may include but are not limited to cable(s); equipment; and point of termination connections. Before beginning delivery, installation, replacement or removal work for equipment and/or facilities located within the Collocation Space, AT&T shall obtain BellSouth's approval of AT&T's proposed scheduling of the work in order to coordinate use of temporary staging areas and other building facilities. BellSouth may request additional information before granting approval.

5.7 Co-Carrier Cross-connect. In addition to, and not in lieu of, obtaining interconnection with, or access to, BellSouth telecommunications services, Network Elements, and facilities, AT&T may directly connect to other telecommunications service providers within the designated BellSouth Premises (including to its other virtual or physical collocated arrangements) through facilities owned by AT&T or through BellSouth facilities designated by AT&T, at AT&T's option. Such connections to other carriers may be made using either copper, optical, coaxial or electrical facilities. AT&T may deploy such connections directly between its own facilities and the facilities of other carrier(s) without being routed through BellSouth equipment. AT&T may provide connection between the equipment in the Collocation Spaces via a cross-connection or other connecting transmission facility that meets the same reasonable safety requirements that BellSouth imposes on its own equipment. AT&T may make this connection to another collocating telecommunications carrier even if the equipment being connected is in the same room as BellSouth's equipment.

5.7.1 **DISAGREE**

AT&T PROPOSAL:

If AT&T requests a co-carrier cross-connect after the initial installation, AT&T must submit an application with a Subsequent Application Fee. AT&T must use a BellSouth Certified Vendor to place the co-carrier cross connect, except in cases where the AT&T equipment and the equipment of the other carrier are located within contiguous Collocation Spaces. In cases where AT&T's equipment and the

equipment of the other telecommunications carrier are located in contiguous Collocation Spaces, AT&T will have the option to deploy the co-carrier cross connects between the sets of equipment. ~~Where cable support structure exists for such connection there will be a recurring charge per linear foot of support structure used.~~ When cable support structures do not exist and must be constructed, a non-recurring charge for the individual case will be assessed.

BST PROPOSAL:

If AT&T requests a co-carrier cross-connect after the initial installation, AT&T must submit an application with a Subsequent Application Fee. AT&T must use a BellSouth Certified Vendor to place the co-carrier cross connect, except in cases where the AT&T equipment and the equipment of the other carrier are located within contiguous Collocation Spaces. In cases where AT&T's equipment and the equipment of the other telecommunications carrier are located in contiguous Collocation Spaces, AT&T will have the option to deploy the co-carrier cross connects between the sets of equipment. **Where cable support structure exists for such connection there will be a recurring charge per linear foot of support structure used. When cable support structures do not exist and must be constructed, a non-recurring charge for the individual case will be assessed.**

5.8 Easement Space. From time to time BellSouth may require access to the Collocation Space. BellSouth retains the right to access such space for the purpose of making BellSouth equipment and building modifications (e.g., running, altering or removing racking, ducts, electrical wiring, HVAC, and cables). BellSouth will give reasonable notice to AT&T when access to the Collocation Space is required and provide a list of names of individuals authorized to enter said space. AT&T may elect to be present whenever BellSouth performs work in the Collocation Space. The Parties agree that AT&T will not bear any of the expense associated with this work.

5.9 Access. Pursuant to Section 11 of this Attachment 4, AT&T shall have access to the Collocation Space twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. AT&T agrees to provide the name and either Driver's License, social security number, or date of birth of each employee, contractor, or agents provided with Access Keys or cards ("Access Keys") prior to the issuance of said Access Keys. Access Keys shall not be duplicated under any circumstances. AT&T agrees to be responsible for all Access Keys and for the return of all said Access Keys in the possession of AT&T employees, contractors, other occupants of AT&T's Collocation Space, or agents after termination of

the employment relationship, contractual obligation with AT&T or upon the termination of this Attachment or the termination of occupancy of an individual collocation arrangement. Within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, BellSouth and AT&T shall establish an agreed upon procedure for the return and confirmation of the return of Access Keys. Within ten (10) business days after receipt of AT&T's Bona Fide Order, BellSouth and AT&T will visit, without charge, AT&T's designated collocation arrangement location.

- 5.9.1 Security Escort. A security escort will be required whenever AT&T or its agent desires access to the entrance manhole or must have access to the Premises after the one accompanied site visit allowed after Bona Fide Firm Order without charge to AT&T prior to completing BellSouth's Security Training requirements and/or prior to Space Acceptance. Rates for a security escort are assessed in one-half (1/2) hour increments according to the schedule appended hereto as Exhibit A.
- 5.9.2 Lost or Stolen Access Keys. AT&T shall notify BellSouth in writing immediately in the case of lost or stolen Access Keys. AT&T will reimburse BellSouth the reasonable costs to replace each Access Key lost or stolen. Should it become necessary for BellSouth to re-key buildings as a result of a lost Access Key(s) or for failure to return an Access Key(s), AT&T shall pay for all reasonable costs associated with the re-keying. AT&T must submit to BellSouth the completed Access Control Request Form (RF-2906-C) for all employees or agents requiring access to the BellSouth Premises a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date AT&T desires access to the Collocation Space.
- 5.9.3 AT&T authorized personnel will have immediate access to health related facilities (e.g., bathrooms, eyewash stations, shower stations, drinking water, etc., within the collocated facility), as well as access to parking.
- 5.10 Interference or Impairment. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Attachment, equipment and facilities placed in the Collocation Space by AT&T shall not interfere with or impair service provided by BellSouth or by any other telecommunications carriers located in the Premises; shall not endanger or damage the facilities of BellSouth or of any other telecommunications carrier located in the Premises, the Collocation Space, or the Premises; shall not compromise the privacy of any communications carried in, from, or through the Premises; and shall not create an unreasonable risk of injury or death to any individual or to the public. If BellSouth reasonably determines that any

equipment or facilities of AT&T violates the provisions of this paragraph, BellSouth shall give written notice to AT&T, which notice shall direct AT&T to cure the violation within forty-eight (48) hours of AT&T's actual receipt of written notice or, at a minimum, to commence curative measures within 24 hours and to exercise reasonable diligence to complete such measures as soon as possible thereafter. After receipt of the notice, the Parties agree to consult immediately and, if necessary, to inspect the arrangement. If AT&T fails to take any action within 48 hours of receipt of the written notice or if the violation is of a character which poses an immediate and substantial threat of damage to property, injury or death to any person, or interference/impairment of the services provided by BellSouth or any other telecommunications carrier located in the Premises, then and only in that event BellSouth may take such action as it deems appropriate to correct the violation, including without limitation the interruption of electrical power to AT&T's equipment. BellSouth will endeavor, but is not required, to provide notice to AT&T prior to taking such action and shall have no liability to AT&T for any damages arising from such action, except to the extent that such action by BellSouth constitutes willful misconduct.

- 5.10.1 AT&T will be responsible for notifying BellSouth of any significant outages of AT&T's equipment which could impact any of the services offered by BellSouth, and provide estimated clearing time for restoration.
- 5.11 Personalty and its Removal. Subject to requirements of this Attachment, AT&T may place or install in or on the Collocation Space such facilities and equipment, including storage for and spare equipment, as it deems desirable for the conduct of business, provided that such equipment is telecommunications equipment, does not violate floor loading requirements, imposes or could impose or contains or could contain environmental conditions or hazards. Personal property, facilities and equipment placed by AT&T in the Collocation Space shall not become a part of the Collocation Space, even if nailed, screwed or otherwise fastened to the Collocation Space, but shall retain their status as personalty and may be removed by AT&T at any time. Any damage caused to the Collocation Space by AT&T's employees, agents or representatives during the removal of such property shall be promptly repaired by AT&T at its expense.
- 5.12 Alterations. In no case shall AT&T or any person acting on behalf of AT&T make any rearrangement, modification, improvement, addition, repair, or other alteration to the Collocation Space or the BellSouth Premises without the written consent of BellSouth, which consent shall

not be unreasonably withheld. The cost of any such specialized alterations shall be paid by AT&T.

- 5.13 Janitorial Service. AT&T will not be responsible for costs associated with maintenance and upkeep of the building. AT&T shall be responsible for the general upkeep and cleaning of the Caged Collocation Space and shall arrange directly with a BellSouth Certified Vendor for janitorial services. BellSouth shall provide a list of such contractors on a site-specific basis upon request.

6. ORDERING AND PREPARATION OF COLLOCATION SPACE

- 6.1 Application for Space. AT&T shall submit an application document when AT&T or AT&T's Guest(s), as defined in Section 3.3 of this Attachment 4, desires to request or modify the use of the Collocation Space. BellSouth shall provide AT&T with a single point of contact for all inquiries regarding collocation.

- 6.1.1 Initial Application. For AT&T or AT&T's Guest(s) initial equipment placement, AT&T shall submit to BellSouth a complete and accurate (complete and accurate means all required fields are filled in with the appropriate type of information) Application and Inquiry document ("Bona Fide Application"), together with payment of the Application Fee as stated in Exhibit A. The Bona Fide Application shall contain a detailed description and schematic drawing of the equipment to be placed in AT&T's Collocation Space(s) and an estimate of the amount of square footage required.

- 6.1.2 Subsequent Application Fee. In the event AT&T or AT&T's Guest(s) desire to modify the use of the Collocation Space, AT&T shall complete a Bona Fide Application detailing all information regarding the modification to the Collocation Space together with payment of the minimum Subsequent Application Fee as stated in Exhibit A. BellSouth shall determine what modifications, if any, to the Premises are required to accommodate the change requested by AT&T in the Bona Fide Application. Such necessary modifications to the Premises may include but are not limited to, floor loading changes, changes necessary to meet HVAC requirements, changes to power plant requirements, and equipment additions. The fee paid by AT&T for its request to modify the use of the Collocation Space shall be dependent upon the modification requested. Where the subsequent application does not require provisioning or construction work by BellSouth, no Subsequent Application Fee will be required and the Subsequent

Application Fee shall be refunded to AT&T. The fee for an application where the modification requested has limited effect (e.g., does not require capital expenditure by BellSouth) shall be the Subsequent Application Fee as set forth in Exhibit A to Attachment 4. In the event that the modification requires a capital expenditure by BellSouth, the Application Fee set forth in Exhibit A to Attachment 4 shall be assessed. In such event, the Subsequent Application Fee shall be considered a partial payment of the Application Fee, and the outstanding balance (Application Fee minus Subsequent Application Fee) shall be due from AT&T within thirty (30) calendar days following AT&T's receipt of a bill or invoice from BellSouth.

- 6.2 Application Response. In addition to the notice of space availability pursuant to Section 2.1 of this Attachment 4, BellSouth will include in its response whether the application is Bona Fide, and if it is not Bona Fide, the items necessary to cause the application to become Bona Fide. **[When space has been determined to be available, BellSouth will provide a written response ("Application Response") within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of a Bona Fide Application. The Application Response will include, at a minimum, the configuration of the space, the Cable Installation Fee, Cable Records Fee, and the space preparation fees, as described in Section 7. When multiple applications are submitted in a state within a fifteen (15) calendar day window, BellSouth will respond to the Bona Fide Applications as soon as possible, but no later than the following: within thirty (30) calendar days for Bona Fide Applications 1-5; within thirty-six (36) calendar days for Bona Fide Applications 6-10; within forty-two (42) calendar days for Bona Fide Applications 11-15. Response intervals for multiple Bona Fide Applications submitted within the same timeframe for the same state in excess of 15 must be negotiated. All negotiations shall consider the total volume from all requests from telecommunications companies for collocation.] [OPEN-AT&T]**

- 6.3 Bona Fide Firm Order. AT&T shall indicate its intent to proceed with equipment installation in a BellSouth Premises by submitting a Bona Fide Firm Order to BellSouth. A Bona Fide Firm Order requires AT&T to complete the Bona Fide Application process described in Section 6.1 of this Attachment 4, and submit the Expanded Interconnection Bona Fide Firm Order document (BSTEI-1P-F) indicating acceptance of the written application response provided by BellSouth ("Bona Fide Firm Order") and all appropriate fees. The Bona Fide Firm Order must be received by BellSouth no later than thirty (30) calendar days after BellSouth's response to AT&T's Bona Fide Application. If a

modification or revision is made to any information in the Bona Fide Application for Physical Collocation or the Bona Fide Application for Adjacent Collocation, with the exception of modifications to Customer Information, Contact Information or Billing Contact Information, either at the request of AT&T or necessitated by technical considerations, BellSouth will respond to the Bona Fide Application within thirty (30) calendar days after BellSouth receives such revised Application or at such other date as the Parties agree. If, at any time, BellSouth needs to reevaluate AT&T's Bona Fide Application as a result of changes requested by AT&T to CLEC's original Application, then BellSouth will charge AT&T a Subsequent Application Fee. Major changes such as requesting additional space or adding additional equipment may require AT&T to resubmit the Application with an Application Fee.

- 6.3.1 The firm order date will be the date BellSouth receives a Bona Fide Firm Order. BellSouth will acknowledge the receipt of AT&T's Bona Fide Firm Order within **[seven (7)]** calendar days of receipt indicating that the Bona Fide Firm Order has been received. **[OPEN-AT&T]** A BellSouth response to a Bona Fide Firm Order will include a Firm Order Confirmation containing the firm order date.
- 6.3.2 Within ten (10) business days after receipt of AT&T's Bona Fide Order, BellSouth and AT&T will visit, without charge, AT&T's designated collocation arrangement location.
- 6.3.3 Space preparation for the Collocation Space will not begin until BellSouth receives the Bona Fide Firm Order and all applicable fees.
- 6.4 Construction and Provisioning Interval. BellSouth will complete the construction and provisioning activities for cageless and caged collocation arrangements as soon as possible, but no later than 90 calendar days from receipt of a bona fide firm order.
- 6.4.1 Joint Planning Meeting. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties, a joint planning meeting or other method of joint planning between BellSouth and AT&T will commence within a maximum of 15 business days from BellSouth's receipt of a Bona Fide Firm Order and the payment of agreed upon fees. At such meeting, the Parties will agree to the preliminary design of the Collocation Space and the equipment configuration requirements as reflected in the Application and affirmed in the Bona Fide Firm Order. The Collocation Space Completion time period will be provided to AT&T during the joint planning meeting or as soon as possible thereafter. BellSouth will complete all design work following the joint planning meeting.

- 6.4.2 Permits. Each Party or its agents will diligently pursue filing for the permits required for the scope of work to be performed by that Party or its agents within 7 business days of the completion of finalized construction designs and specifications.
- 6.4.3 Acceptance Walk Through. AT&T and BellSouth will complete an acceptance walk through of each Collocation Space requested from BellSouth by AT&T. The acceptance walk through shall occur within 15 calendar days of BellSouth's notification to AT&T that the collocation space is ready for occupancy. BellSouth will correct any deviations to AT&T's original or jointly amended requirements within five (5) business days after the walk through, unless the Parties jointly agree upon a different time frame. The correction of these deviations from AT&T's original request for collocation shall be at BellSouth's expense. At the end of the acceptance walk through or after any deviations are corrected, AT&T will execute a written document accepting the Collocation Space.
- 6.5 Use of Certified Vendor. A "BellSouth Certified Vendor" is a vendor that has been certified by BellSouth to perform certain activities pursuant to BellSouth's certified vendor program. AT&T shall select a vendor which has been approved as a BellSouth Certified Vendor to perform all engineering and installation work required in the Collocation Space. In some cases, AT&T must select separate BellSouth Certified Vendors for transmission equipment, switching equipment and power equipment. BellSouth shall provide AT&T with a list of Certified Vendors upon request. The Certified Vendor(s) shall be responsible for installing AT&T's equipment and components, installing co-carrier cross connects, extending power cabling to the BellSouth power distribution frame, performing operational tests after installation is complete, and notifying BellSouth's equipment engineers and AT&T upon successful completion of installation. The Certified Vendor shall bill AT&T directly for all work performed for AT&T pursuant to this Attachment and BellSouth shall have no liability for nor responsibility to pay such charges imposed by the Certified Vendor. BellSouth shall certify AT&T or any vendor proposed by AT&T when either satisfactorily completes BellSouth's certified vendor program.
- 6.6 Alarm and Monitoring. BellSouth shall place environmental alarms in the Premises for the protection of BellSouth's and AT&T's equipment and facilities. Should AT&T elect to place alarms within its Collocation Space, AT&T shall be responsible for placement, monitoring and removal of environmental and equipment alarms used to service AT&T's Collocation Space. Upon request, BellSouth will provide AT&T with applicable tariffed service(s) to facilitate remote monitoring of

collocated equipment by AT&T. Both Parties shall use best efforts to notify the other of any verified environmental hazard known to that Party. The Parties agree to utilize and adhere to the Environmental and Safety Principles identified as Exhibit B attached hereto.

- 6.7 Power. BellSouth shall supply -48 Volt (-48V) DC power, including back-up power, for AT&T's Collocation Space within the Premises and shall make available AC power at AT&T's option for Adjacent Arrangement collocation. The power provided to AT&T by BellSouth shall be at least equal in quality and service level as that which is provided by BellSouth to itself or to any third party. When obtaining AC power from a BellSouth Service Panel, fuses and power cables must be engineered (sized) and installed by AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor. AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor must also provide a copy of the engineering power specification prior to the Commencement Date. When obtaining power from a BellSouth Battery Distribution Fuse Bay, fuses and power cables (A&B) must be engineered (sized) and installed by AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor. Electrical engineering standards require that the fuse positions for power feeders must exceed the actual drain (or expected consumption) by 50%. When obtaining power from a BellSouth Power Board, power cables (A&B) must be engineered (sized) and installed by AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor. AT&T's BellSouth Certified Vendor must also provide a copy of the engineering power specification prior to the Commencement Date. BellSouth may be required to construct additional DC power plant or upgrade the existing DC power plant in a Premises as a result of AT&T's request to collocate in that Premises ("Power Plant Construction"). The determination of whether Power Plant Construction is necessary shall be within BellSouth's sole, but reasonable, discretion. BellSouth shall comply with all Telcordia and ANSI Standards regarding power cabling, including Telcordia Network Equipment Building System (NEBS) Standard GR-63-CORE. If BellSouth has not previously provided for power plant capacity for collocation at a specific site, then AT&T has the option to add its own dedicated power plant; provided, however, that such work shall be performed by a BellSouth Certified Vendor and such contractor shall comply with BellSouth's guidelines and specifications. Where AT&T performs its own dedicated Power Plant Construction, upon termination of this Attachment AT&T shall have the right to remove its equipment from the power plant room, but shall otherwise leave the room intact. The termination and grounding locations shall be as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

- 6.8 Basic Telephone Service. Upon request of AT&T, BellSouth will provide basic telephone service to the Collocation Space under the

rates, terms and conditions of the current tariff offering for the service requested.

- 6.9 **[Space Preparation. Space preparation fees consist of a nonrecurring charge for Firm Order Processing and monthly recurring charges for Central Office Modifications, assessed per arrangement, per square foot, and Common Systems Modifications, assessed per arrangement, per square foot for cageless and per cage for caged collocation. AT&T shall remit payment of the nonrecurring Firm Order Processing Fee coincident with submission of a Bona Fide Firm Order. The recurring charges for space preparation apply beginning on the date on which BellSouth releases the Collocation Space for occupancy or on the date AT&T first occupies the Collocation Space, whichever is sooner. The charges recover the costs associated with preparing the Collocation Space, which includes survey, engineering of the Collocation Space, design and modification costs for network, building and support systems. In the event AT&T opts for cageless space, the space preparation fees will be assessed based on the total floor space dedicated to AT&T as prescribed in Section 7.5.] [OPEN-AT&T]**
- 6.10 Virtual Collocation Transition. BellSouth offers Virtual Collocation pursuant to the rates, terms and conditions set forth in its F.C.C. Tariff No. 1. For the interconnection to BellSouth's network and access to BellSouth Network Elements, AT&T may purchase Cross-Connects as set forth in Exhibit A, and AT&T may designate within its Virtual Collocation arrangements the placement of telecommunications equipment set forth in Section 5.1 of this Attachment 4. In the event physical collocation space was previously denied at a location due to technical reasons or space limitations, and that physical collocation space has subsequently become available, AT&T may transition its virtual collocation arrangements to physical collocation arrangements and pay the appropriate non-recurring fees for physical collocation and for the rearrangement or reconfiguration of services terminated in the virtual collocation arrangement. In the event that BellSouth knows when additional space for physical collocation may become available at the location requested by AT&T, such information will be provided to AT&T in BellSouth's written denial of physical collocation. To the extent that (i) physical collocation space becomes available to AT&T within 180 days of BellSouth's written denial of AT&T's request for physical collocation, and (ii) AT&T was not informed in the written denial that physical collocation space would become available within such 180 days, then AT&T may transition its virtual collocation arrangement to a physical collocation arrangement and will receive a

credit for any nonrecurring charges previously paid for such virtual collocation. AT&T must arrange with a BellSouth certified vendor for the relocation of equipment from its virtual collocation space to its physical collocation space and will bear the cost of such relocation.

- 6.10.1 BellSouth will authorize the conversion of virtual collocation arrangements to physical collocation arrangements without requiring the relocation of the virtual arrangement where there are no extenuating circumstances or technical reasons that would cause the arrangement to become a safety hazard within the Premises or otherwise being in conformance with the terms and conditions of this Attachment and where (1) there is no change to the arrangement; (2) the conversion of the virtual arrangement would not cause the arrangement to be located in the area of the Premises reserved for BellSouth's forecast of future growth; and (3) due to the location of the virtual collocation arrangement, the conversion of said arrangement to a physical arrangement would not impact BellSouth's ability to secure its own facilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the BellSouth Premises is at or nearing space exhaust, BellSouth may authorize the conversion of the virtual arrangement to a physical arrangement even though BellSouth could no longer secure its own facilities.
- 6.11 Cancellation. If, at anytime, AT&T cancels its order for the Collocation Space(s), BellSouth shall return that portion of the charges paid by AT&T which exceed any expenses incurred up to the date that written notice of the cancellation is received. If BellSouth can demonstrate that BellSouth's expenses exceeded the estimated charges paid by AT&T, AT&T will pay BellSouth the additional charges. In no event will the level of reimbursement under this paragraph exceed the maximum amount AT&T would have otherwise paid for work undertaken by BellSouth if no cancellation of the order had occurred.
- 6.12 Licenses. AT&T, at its own expense, will be solely responsible for obtaining from governmental authorities, and any other appropriate agency, entity, or person, all rights, privileges, and licenses necessary or required to operate as a provider of telecommunications services to the public or to occupy the Collocation Space.

7. **RATES AND CHARGES**

- 7.1 BellSouth may begin billing AT&T for recurring charges for the Collocation Space on the date that AT&T executes the written

document accepting the Collocation Space pursuant to Section 6.4.3 of this Attachment 4.

- 7.2 Documentation. BellSouth shall provide documentation to establish the actual Space Preparation Fee.
- 7.3 Cable Installation. Cable Installation Fee(s) are assessed per entrance cable placed.
- 7.4 Floor Space. The floor space charge includes reasonable charges for lighting, heat, air conditioning, ventilation and other allocated expenses associated with maintenance of the Premises but does not include amperage necessary to power AT&T's equipment. When the Collocation Space is enclosed, AT&T shall pay floor space charges based upon the number of square feet so enclosed. When the Collocation Space is not enclosed, AT&T shall pay floor space charges based upon the following floor space calculation: [(depth of the equipment lineup in which the rack is placed) + (0.5 x maintenance aisle depth) + (0.5 x wiring aisle depth)] X (width of rack and spacers). For purposes of this calculation, the depth of the equipment lineup shall consider the footprint of equipment racks plus any equipment overhang. BellSouth will assign unenclosed Collocation Space in conventional equipment rack lineups where feasible. In the event AT&T's collocated equipment requires special cable racking, isolated grounding or other treatment which prevents placement within conventional equipment rack lineups, AT&T shall be required to request an amount of floor space sufficient to accommodate the total equipment arrangement. Floor space charges are due beginning with the date on which BellSouth releases the Collocation Space for occupancy or on the date AT&T first occupies the Collocation Space, whichever is sooner.
- 7.5 Charges for -48V DC power will be assessed per ampere per month based upon the BellSouth Certified Vendor engineered and installed power feed fused ampere capacity. Rates include redundant feeder fuse positions (A&B) and cable rack to AT&T's equipment or space enclosure. In the event BellSouth shall be required to construct additional DC power plant or upgrade the existing DC power plant in a central office as a result of AT&T's request to collocate in that central office ("Power Plant Construction"), AT&T shall pay its pro-rata share of costs associated with the Power Plant Construction. BellSouth will notify AT&T of the need for the Power Plant Construction and will estimate the costs associated with the Power Plant Construction if BellSouth were to perform the Power Plant Construction. The costs of power plant construction shall be prorated and shared among all

telecommunications carriers that benefit from that construction. The proration shall be based on the cost of providing one (1) ampere of DC power multiplied by the nominal drain requirements indicated by AT&T in its physical collocation application. AT&T shall pay BellSouth one-half of its prorata share of the estimated Power Plant Construction costs prior to commencement of the work. AT&T shall pay BellSouth the balance due (actual cost less one-half of the estimated cost) within thirty (30) days of completion of the Power Plant Construction.

- 7.5.1 Charges for AC power will be assessed per breaker ampere per month based upon the BellSouth Certified Vendor engineered and installed power feed fused ampere capacity. Rates include the provision of commercial and standby AC power. Charges for AC power shall be assessed pursuant to the rates specified in Exhibit A of this Attachment 4, incorporated herein by this reference. AC power voltage and phase ratings shall be determined on a per location basis.

- 7.6 Other. If no rate is identified in the contract, the rate for the specific service or function will be negotiated by the Parties upon request by either Party. Payment of all other charges under this Attachment shall be due thirty (30) days after receipt of the bill (payment due date). AT&T will pay a late payment charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) assessed monthly on any balance which remains unpaid after the payment due date.

8. **INSURANCE**

- 8.1 Insurance coverage shall be maintained pursuant to Section 21 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

9. **MECHANICS LIENS**

- 9.1 If any mechanics lien or other liens shall be filed against property owned by either Party (BellSouth or AT&T), or any improvement thereon by reason of or arising out of any labor or materials furnished or alleged to have been furnished or to be furnished to or for the other Party or by reason of any changes, or additions to said property made at the request or under the direction of the other Party, the other Party directing or requesting those changes shall, within thirty (30) days after receipt of written notice from the Party against whose property said lien has been filed, either pay such lien or cause the same to be bonded off the affected property in the manner provided by law. The Party causing said lien to be placed against the property of the other

shall also defend, at its sole cost and expense, on behalf of the other, any action, suit or proceeding which may be brought for the enforcement of such liens and shall pay any damage and discharge any judgment entered thereon.

10. INSPECTIONS

- 10.1 BellSouth shall conduct an inspection of AT&T's equipment and facilities in the Collocation Space(s) prior to the activation of facilities between AT&T's equipment and equipment of BellSouth. BellSouth may conduct an inspection if AT&T adds equipment and may otherwise conduct routine inspections at reasonable intervals mutually agreed upon by the Parties. BellSouth shall provide AT&T with a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours or two (2) business days, whichever is greater, advance notice of all such inspections. All costs of such inspection shall be borne by BellSouth. If, as a result of the inspection by BellSouth, AT&T is found to be in non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this section, AT&T must modify its installation to achieve compliance.

11. SECURITY AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

11.1 DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL: Only BellSouth employees, BellSouth Certified Vendors and authorized employees, authorized Guests, pursuant to Section 3.3 of this Attachment 4, or authorized agents of AT&T will be permitted in the BellSouth Premises. AT&T shall provide its employees and agents with picture identification which must be worn and visible at all times while in the Collocation Space or other areas in or around the Premises. The photo identification card shall bear, at a minimum, the employee's or agent's name and photo, and AT&T's name. BellSouth reserves the right to remove from its Premises any employee or agent of AT&T not possessing identification issued by AT&T. AT&T shall hold BellSouth harmless for any damages resulting from such removal of its personnel from BellSouth Premises in accordance with Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference. AT&T shall be solely responsible for ensuring that any Guest of AT&T is in compliance with all subsections of this Section 11.

BELLSOUTH PROPOSAL: The security and safety requirements set forth in this section are as stringent as the security requirements that BellSouth will maintain at its own premises either for its own employees or for authorized contractors. Only BellSouth employees, BellSouth Certified Vendors and authorized employees, authorized Guests, pursuant to Section 3.3 of this Attachment 4, or authorized agents of AT&T will be permitted in the BellSouth Premises. AT&T shall provide its employees and agents with picture identification which must be worn and visible at all times while in the Collocation Space or other areas in or around the Premises. The photo identification card shall bear, at a minimum, the employee's or agent's name and photo, and AT&T's name. BellSouth reserves the right to remove from its Premises any employee or agent of AT&T not possessing identification issued by AT&T. AT&T shall hold BellSouth harmless for any damages resulting from such removal of its personnel from BellSouth Premises in accordance with Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference. AT&T shall be solely responsible for ensuring that any Guest of AT&T is in compliance with all subsections of this Section 11.

11.2 DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL:

BellSouth may, at its option, adopt the following security measures in protecting its equipment and ensuring network reliability:

Installing security cameras or other monitoring systems; or

Requiring AT&T personnel to use badges with computerized tracking systems; or

Requiring AT&T employees to undergo the same level of security training, or its equivalent, that BellSouth's own employees, or third party contractors providing similar functions, must undergo; provided, however, that BellSouth may not require AT&T employees to receive such training from BellSouth itself, but must provide information to AT&T on the specific type of training required so AT&T employees can conduct their own training.

BST PROPOSAL:

AT&T will be required, at its own expense, to conduct a statewide investigation of criminal history records for each AT&T employee or agent being considered for work on the BellSouth Premises, for the states/counties where the AT&T employee or agent has worked and lived for the past five years. Where state law does not permit statewide collection or reporting, an investigation of the applicable counties is acceptable.

- 11.3 AT&T will administer to their personnel assigned to the BellSouth Premises security training either provided by BellSouth or meeting criteria defined by BellSouth.

11.4 **DISAGREE**

~~AT&T PROPOSAL: AT&T shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of felony criminal convictions. AT&T shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of misdemeanor convictions, except for misdemeanor traffic violations, without advising BellSouth of the nature and gravity of the offense(s). BellSouth reserves the right to refuse building access to any AT&T personnel who have been identified to have misdemeanor convictions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that AT&T chooses not to advise BellSouth of the nature and gravity of any misdemeanor conviction, AT&T may, in the alternative, certify to BellSouth that it shall not assign to the BellSouth Premises any personnel with records of misdemeanor convictions (other than misdemeanor traffic violations).~~

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- 11.6 At BellSouth's request, AT&T shall promptly remove from the BellSouth Premises any employee or agent of AT&T's BellSouth does not wish to grant access to its Premises pursuant to any investigation conducted by BellSouth.
- 11.7 Notification to BellSouth. BST reserves the right to interview AT&T's employees, agents, or contractors in the event of wrongdoing in or around BellSouth's property or involving BellSouth's or another CLEC's property or personnel, provided that BellSouth shall provide reasonable notice to AT&T's Security contact of such interview and arranges for AT&T's Security personnel to participate. AT&T and its contractors shall reasonably cooperate with BellSouth's investigation into allegations of wrongdoing or criminal conduct committed by, witnessed by, or involving AT&T's employees, agents, or contractors.

Additionally, BellSouth reserves the right to bill AT&T for all reasonable costs associated with investigations involving its employees, agents or contractors if it is established and mutually agreed in good faith that AT&T's employees, agents or contractors are responsible for the alleged act. BellSouth shall bill AT&T for BellSouth property which is stolen or damaged where an investigation determines the culpability of AT&T's employees, agents or contractors and where AT&T agrees, in good faith, with the results of such investigation. AT&T shall notify BellSouth in writing immediately in the event that AT&T discovers one of its employees or agents already working on the BellSouth Premises is a possible security risk. Upon request of the other Party, the Party who is the employer shall discipline consistent with its employment practices, up to and including removal from the BellSouth Premises, any employee or agent found to have violated the security and safety requirements of this section. AT&T shall hold BellSouth harmless for any damages resulting from such removal of its personnel from BellSouth premises in accordance with Section 10 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

- 11.8 Use of Supplies. Unauthorized use of telecommunications equipment or supplies by either Party, whether or not used routinely to provide telephone service (e.g. plug-in cards), will be strictly prohibited and handled appropriately. Costs associated with such unauthorized use may be charged to the offending Party, as may be all associated investigative costs.
- 11.9 Use of Official Lines. Except for non-toll calls necessary in the performance of their work, neither party shall use the telephones of the other Party on the BellSouth Premises. Charges for unauthorized telephone calls may be charged to the offending Party, as may be all associated investigative costs.
- 11.10 Accountability. Full compliance with the Security requirements of this section shall in no way limit the accountability of either Party to the other for the improper actions of its employees or agents.
- 11.11 BellSouth shall not use any information it collects in the course of implementing or operating security arrangements or other activities for marketing or any other purpose.
- 11.12 BellSouth shall exercise the same level of care it provides to itself to prevent harm or damage to AT&T, its employees, agents or end users, or their property. BellSouth agrees to take reasonable and prudent

steps to ensure the adequate protection of AT&T property located within BellSouth Premises including, but not limited to:

- 11.12.1 Agreeing not to use card access readers and devices that use cards that are encoded identically or mechanized coded locks on external doors or on internal doors to spaces that house AT&T equipment.
- 11.12.2 Insure that the area that houses AT&T's equipment is adequately secured and monitored to prevent unauthorized entry.
- 11.12.3 Assuring that the physical security and the means of ingress and admission to spaces that house AT&T equipment or equipment enclosures are equal to or exceed those provided for BellSouth pursuant to BellSouth admissions practices.
- 11.12.4 Installing security studs in the hinge plates of doors having exposed hinges with removable pins if such leads to spaces that contain or house AT&T equipment or equipment enclosures.
- 11.12.5 Controlling access from passenger and freight elevators by continuous surveillance or by installing security partitions, security grills, locked gates or doors between elevator lobbies and spaces that contain or house AT&T equipment or equipment enclosures.
- 11.12.6 BellSouth will provide notification to designated personnel of an actual or attempted security breach of AT&T's Collocation Space, upon BellSouth discovery of such breach.

12. NOTIFICATION OF SERVICE AFFECTING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE BELL SOUTH PREMISES

- 12.1 BellSouth shall provide AT&T with written notice five (5) business days prior to those instances where BellSouth or its subcontractors may be performing non-emergency work that may directly affect the Collocation Space occupied by AT&T or that is directly related to AT&T circuits that support AT&T equipment. BellSouth will inform AT&T by telephone of any emergency-related activity that BellSouth or its subcontractors may be performing that may directly affect the Collocation Space occupied by AT&T or that is directly related to AT&T circuits that support AT&T equipment. Notification of any emergency-related activity shall be made as soon as practicable after BellSouth learns that such emergency activity is necessary but in no event longer than thirty (30) minutes after such time. To the extent that the

Emergency Notification Process requires BellSouth to incur additional costs, AT&T shall reimburse BellSouth for such costs. The ACAC (Access Carrier Advocacy Center) shall be the single point of contact on all matters pertaining to the following areas:

- Equipment or Central Office Engineering
- Outside Plant Engineering
- Physical & Logical Security
- Provisioning
- Maintenance
- Billing
- Operations
- Site and Building Managers
- Environmental and Safety

13. DESTRUCTION OF COLLOCATION SPACE

- 13.1 In the event a Collocation Space is wholly or partially damaged by fire, windstorm, tornado, flood or by similar causes to such an extent as to be rendered wholly unsuitable for AT&T's permitted use hereunder, then either Party may elect within ten (10) days after such damage, to terminate this Attachment, only with respect to the damaged Collocation Space, and if either Party shall so elect, by giving the other written notice of termination, both Parties shall stand released of and from further liability under the terms hereof. If a Collocation Space shall suffer only minor damage and shall not be rendered wholly unsuitable for AT&T's permitted use, or is damaged and the option to terminate is not exercised by either Party, BellSouth covenants and agrees to proceed promptly without expense to AT&T, except for improvements not the property of BellSouth, to repair the damage. BellSouth shall have a reasonable time within which to rebuild or make any repairs, and such rebuilding and repairing shall be subject to delays caused by storms, shortages of labor and materials, government regulations, strikes, walkouts, and causes beyond the control of BellSouth, which causes shall not be construed as limiting factors, but as exemplary only. AT&T may, at its own expense, accelerate the rebuild of its Collocation Space and equipment, provided however, that a BellSouth Certified Vendor is used and the necessary space preparation has been completed. Rebuild of equipment must be performed by a BellSouth Certified Vendor. If AT&T's acceleration of the project increases the cost of the project, then those additional charges will be incurred by AT&T. Where allowed and where practical, AT&T may erect a temporary facility while BellSouth rebuilds or makes repairs. In all cases where a damaged

Collocation Space shall be rebuilt or repaired, AT&T shall be entitled to an equitable abatement of rent and other charges, depending upon the unsuitability of such damaged Collocation Space for AT&T's permitted use, until such Collocation Space is fully repaired and restored and AT&T's equipment installed therein (but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the Collocation Space is fully repaired and restored). Where AT&T has placed an Adjacent Arrangement pursuant to Section 3.4 of this Attachment 4, AT&T shall have the sole responsibility to repair or replace said Adjacent Arrangement provided herein. Pursuant to this section, BellSouth will restore the associated services to the Adjacent Arrangement.

14. EMINENT DOMAIN

- 14.1 If the whole of a Collocation Space or Adjacent Arrangement shall be taken by any public authority under the power of eminent domain, then this Attachment shall terminate only with respect to such taken Collocation Space or Adjacent Arrangement as of the day possession shall be taken by such public authority and rent and other charges for such taken Collocation Space or Adjacent Arrangement shall be paid up to that day with proportionate refund by BellSouth of such rent and charges as may have been paid in advance for a period subsequent to the date of the taking. If any part of the Collocation Space or Adjacent Arrangement shall be taken under eminent domain, BellSouth and AT&T shall each have the right to terminate this Attachment only with respect to such part of the Collocation Space or Adjacent Arrangement taken and declare the same null and void, by written notice of such intention to the other Party within ten (10) days after such taking.

15. RELOCATION OF AT&T'S EQUIPMENT

- 15.1 Except as otherwise stated in this Attachment, BellSouth shall use its best efforts to prevent AT&T from having to relocate its equipment during the term of this Agreement. If AT&T, at BellSouth's request, agrees to relocate its equipment, then BellSouth shall reimburse AT&T for any and all costs reasonably associated with such relocation.

16. NONEXCLUSIVITY

- 16.1 AT&T understands that this Attachment is not exclusive and that BellSouth may enter into similar agreements with other parties.

Assignment of space pursuant to all such agreements shall be determined by space availability and made on a first come, first served basis in accordance with the procedures established in this Attachment of obtaining Collocation Space.

**BELLSOUTH/AT&T RATES – SOUTH CAROLINA
PHYSICAL COLLOCATION**

Rates marked with an asterisk (*) are interim and are subject to true-up.

USOC	Rate Element Description	Unit	Recurring Rate (RC)	Non-Recurring Rate (NRC)
PE1BA	Application Fee	Per request	NA	\$3768.00
PE1CA	Subsequent Application Fee	Per request	NA	\$3,141.00 Minimum
PE1SJ	Space Preparation Fees			
PE1SK	Firm Order Processing*	Per sq. ft.	\$2.75	\$1,204.00
PE1SL	Central Office Modifications*	Per sq. ft.	\$3.24	
PE1SM	Common Systems Modifications – Cageless*			
	Common Systems Modifications – Caged*	Per cage	\$110.17	
PE1BW	Space Enclosure (100 sq. ft. minimum)			
PE1CW	Welded Wire-mesh	Per first 100 sq. ft.	\$219.19	NA
	Welded Wire-mesh	Per add'l 50 sq. ft.	\$21.50	NA
PE1PJ	Floor Space	Per sq. ft.	\$3.95	NA
PE1BD	Cable Installation	Per cable	NA	\$1,621.00
PE1PM	Cable Support Structure	Per entrance cable	\$21.33	NA
PE1PL	Power			
PE1FB	-48V DC Power*	Per amp	\$9.19	NA
PE1FD	120V AC Power single phase*	Per breaker amp	\$5.67	-
PE1FE	240V AC Power single phase*	Per breaker amp	\$11.36	-
PE1FG	120V AC Power three phase*	Per breaker amp	\$17.03	-
	277 AC Power three phase*	Per breaker amp	\$39.33	-
PE1P2	Cross Connects	Per cross connect		First/Add'l
PE1P4	2-wire		\$0.34	\$33.75/\$31.86
PE1P1	4-wire		\$0.68	\$33.71/\$31.75
PE1P3	DS-1		\$1.12	\$53.05/\$39.96
PE1F2	DS-3		\$14.21	\$52.11/\$38.68
PE1F4	2-fiber		\$2.82	\$52.11/\$38.69
	4-fiber		\$5.01	\$64.69/\$51.26

SOUTH CAROLINA (continued)				
USOC	Rate Element Description	Unit	Recurring Rate (RC)	Non-Recurring Rate (NRC)
PE1AX	Security Access System Security System*	Per premises	\$74.12	
PE1A1	New Access Card Activation*	Per card	\$.060	\$55.70
PE1AA	Administrative change, existing card*	Per card		\$15.62
PE1AR	Replace lost or stolen card	Per card		\$45.66
PE1AK	Initial Key	Per key	NA	\$26.25
PE1AL	Replace lost or stolen key	Per key	NA	\$26.25
PE1SR	Space Availability Report*	Per premises requested		\$2,155.00
	POT Bay Arrangements Prior to 6/1/99	Per cross-connect		
PE1PE	2-Wire Cross-Connect		\$0.1091	NA
PE1PF	4-Wire Cross-Connect		\$0.2181	NA
PE1PG	DS1 Cross-Connect		\$0.9004	NA
PE1PH	DS3 Cross-Connect		\$5.64	NA
PE1B2	2 Fiber Cross-Connect		\$37.36	NA
PE1B4	4 Fiber Cross-Connect		\$50.38	NA
	Security Escort	Per half hr./Add'l half hr.		
PE1BT	Basic Time		NA	\$33.92/\$21.50
PE1OT	Overtime		NA	\$44.19/\$27.77
PE1PT	Premium Time		NA	\$54.45/\$34.04
	Cable Records ¹			Note 2
				Initial/subsequent
PE1CR	Cable Records	Per request	NA	\$1712/\$1168
PE1CD	VG/DS0 Cable	Per cable record	NA	\$925.57/\$925.57
PE1CO	VG/DS0 Cable	Per each 100 pair	NA	\$18.06/\$18.06
PE1C1	DS1	Per T1TIE	NA	\$8.45/\$8.45
PE1C3	DS3	Per T3TIE	NA	\$29.59/\$29.59
PE1CB	Fiber Cable	Per cable record	NA	\$279.57/\$279.57

**BELLSOUTH/AT&T RATES – SOUTH CAROLINA
PHYSICAL COLLOCATION (continued)**

Note(s):

N/A refers to rate elements which do not have a negotiated rate.

Note1: Cable records charges apply for work required to build cable records in company systems. The VG/DS0 per cable record charge is for a maximum of 3600 records. The Fiber cable record charge is for a maximum of 99 records.

Note 2: The initial charge applies when the cables are first installed and inventoried. The subsequent charge applies when additional cables are installed and inventoried at the same location.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY PRINCIPLES

The following principles provide basic guidance on environmental and safety issues when applying for and establishing Physical Collocation arrangements.

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1.1 Compliance with Applicable Law. BellSouth and AT&T agree to comply with applicable federal, state, and local environmental and safety laws and regulations including U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations issued under the Clean Air Act (CAA), Clean Water Act (CWA), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and OSHA regulations issued under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended and NFPA and National Electrical Codes (NEC) and the NESC ("Applicable Laws"). Each Party shall notify the other if compliance inspections are conducted by regulatory agencies and/or citations are issued that relate to any aspect of this agreement.

1.2 Notice. BellSouth and AT&T shall provide notice to the other, including Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs), of known and recognized physical hazards or Hazardous Chemicals existing on site or brought on site. Each Party is required to provide specific notice for known potential Imminent Danger conditions. AT&T should contact 1-800-743-6737 for BellSouth MSDS sheets.

1.3 Practices/Procedures. BellSouth may make available additional environmental control procedures for AT&T to follow when working at a BellSouth Premises (See Section 2, below). These practices/procedures will represent the regular work practices required to be followed by the employees and contractors of BellSouth for environmental protection. AT&T will require its contractors, agents and others accessing the BellSouth Premises to comply with these practices. Section 2 lists the Environmental categories where BST practices should be followed by CLEC when operating in the BellSouth Premises.

1.4 Environmental and Safety Inspections. BellSouth reserves the right to inspect the AT&T space with proper notification. BellSouth reserves the right to stop any AT&T work operation that imposes Imminent Danger to the environment, employees or other persons in the area or Facility.

1.5 Hazardous Materials Brought On Site. Any hazardous materials brought into, used, stored or abandoned at the BellSouth Premises by AT&T are owned by AT&T. AT&T will indemnify BellSouth for claims, lawsuits or damages to persons or property caused by these materials. Without prior written BellSouth approval, no substantial new safety or environmental hazards can be created by AT&T or different hazardous materials used by AT&T at BellSouth Facility. AT&T must demonstrate adequate emergency response capabilities for its materials used or remaining at the BellSouth Facility.

1.6 Spills and Releases. When contamination is discovered at a BellSouth Premises, the party discovering the condition must notify BellSouth. All Spills or Releases of regulated materials will immediately be reported by AT&T to BellSouth.

1.7 Coordinated Environmental Plans and Permits. BellSouth and AT&T will coordinate plans, permits or information required to be submitted to government agencies, such as emergency response plans, spill prevention control and countermeasures (SPCC) plans and community reporting. If fees are associated with filing, BellSouth and AT&T will develop a cost sharing procedure. If BellSouth's permit or EPA identification number must be used, AT&T must comply with all of BellSouth's permit conditions and environmental processes, including environmental "best management practices (BMP)" (see Section 2, below) and/or selection of BST disposition vendors and disposal sites.

1.8 Environmental and Safety Indemnification. BellSouth and AT&T shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other party from and against any claims (including, without limitation, third-party claims for personal injury or death or real or personal property damage), judgments, damages, (including direct and indirect damages, and punitive damages), penalties, fines, forfeitures, costs, liabilities, interest and losses arising in connection with the violation or alleged violation of any Applicable Law or contractual obligation or the presence or alleged presence of contamination arising out of the acts or omissions of the indemnifying party, its agents, contractors, or employees concerning its operations at the Facility.

2. CATEGORIES FOR CONSIDERATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

When performing functions that fall under the following Environmental categories on BellSouth's Premises, AT&T agrees to comply with the applicable sections of the current issue of BellSouth's Environmental and Safety Methods and Procedures (M&Ps), incorporated herein by this reference. AT&T further agrees to cooperate with BellSouth to ensure that AT&T's employees, agents, and/or subcontractors are knowledgeable of and satisfy those provisions of BellSouth's Environmental M&Ps which apply to the specific Environmental function being performed by AT&T, its employees, agents and/or subcontractors.

The most current version of reference documentation must be requested from BellSouth.

2. Categories for Consideration of Environmental Issues (cont.)

ENVIRONMENTAL CATEGORIES	ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	ADDRESSED BY THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION
Disposal of hazardous material or other regulated material (e.g., batteries, fluorescent tubes, solvents & cleaning materials)	Pollution liability insurance EVET approval of contractor	Std T&C 450 GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 4 Std T&C 660-3 GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 10
Emergency response	Hazmat/waste release/spill firesafety emergency	GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter Building Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) (specific to Premises)
Contract labor/outourcing for services with environmental implications to be performed on BellSouth Premises (e.g., disposition of hazardous material/waste; maintenance of storage tanks)	Performance of services in accordance with BST's environmental M&Ps Insurance	Std T&C 450 Std T&C 450-B (Contact E/S or your DEC/LDEC for copy of appropriate E/S M&Ps.) Std T&C 660
Transportation of hazardous material	Pollution liability insurance EVET approval of contractor	Std T&C 450 GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 4 Std T&C 660-3 GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 10
Maintenance/operations work which may produce a waste Other maintenance work	Protection of BST employees and equipment	Std T&C 450 GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 10 29CFR 1910.147 29CFR 1910 Subpart O

Janitorial services	All waste removal and disposal must conform to all applicable federal, state and local regulations All HazMat & Waste Asbestos notification protection of BST employees and equipment	P&SM Manager - Procurement GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 4, GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 3 BSP 010-170-001BS (Hazcom)
Manhole cleaning	Pollution liability insurance Manhole entry requirements EVET approval of contractor	Std T&C 450 Std T&C 660-3 BSP 620-145-011PR Issue A, August 1996 GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 10 RL9706008BT
Removing or disturbing building materials that may contain asbestos	Asbestos work practices	GU-BTEN-001BT, Chapter 3

3. DEFINITIONS

Generator. Under RCRA, the person whose act produces a Hazardous Waste, as defined in 40 CFR 261, or whose act first causes a Hazardous Waste to become subject to regulation. The Generator is legally responsible for the proper management and disposal of Hazardous Wastes in accordance with regulations.

Hazardous Chemical. As defined in the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) hazard communication standard (29 CFR 1910.1200), any chemical which is a health hazard or physical hazard.

Hazardous Waste. As defined in section 1004 of RCRA.

Imminent Danger. Any conditions or practices at a facility which are such that a danger exists which could reasonably be expected to cause immediate death or serious harm to people or immediate significant damage to the environment or natural resources.

Spill or Release. As defined in Section 101 of CERCLA.

4. ACRONYMS

DEC/LDEC - Department Environmental Coordinator/Local Department Environmental Coordinator

GU-BTEN-001BT - BellSouth Environmental Methods and Procedures

EVET - Environmental Vendor Evaluation Team

P&SM - Property & Services Management

Std. T&C - Standard Terms & Conditions

NESC - National Electrical Safety Codes

Attachment 5

**Access to Numbers
and
Number Portability**

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Exhibit A, The Local Number Portability Ordering Guide for CLECs

Exhibit B, Rates for Service Number Portability

ACCESS TO NUMBERS and NUMBER PORTABILITY

1 Non-Discriminatory Access to Telephone Numbers

- 1.1 During the term of this Agreement, AT&T shall contact NeuStar for the assignment of numbering resources. In order to be assigned a Central Office Code, AT&T will be required to complete the Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Request and Confirmation Form (Code Request Form) in accordance with Industry Numbering Committee's Central Office Code (NXX) Assignment Guidelines (INC 95-0407-008).
- 1.2 For the purposes of the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services by AT&T, BellSouth will provide AT&T with on line access to telephone numbers for reservation on a first come first served basis. Such reservations of telephone numbers, on a pre-ordering basis shall be for a period of nine (9) days. AT&T acknowledges that there may be instances where there is a shortage of telephone numbers in a particular Common Language Location Identifier Code ("CLLIC") and in such instances BellSouth may request that AT&T cancel all or a portion of its reservations of numbers. AT&T's consent to such request shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 1.3 Further, upon AT&T request and for the purposes of the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services by AT&T, BellSouth will reserve up to 100 telephone numbers per CLLIC, for AT&T's sole use. Such telephone number reservations shall be transmitted to AT&T via electronic file transfer. Such reservations shall be valid for ninety (90) days from the reservation date. AT&T acknowledges that there may be instances where there is a shortage of telephone numbers in a particular CLLIC and in such instances BellSouth shall use its best efforts to reserve for a ninety (90) day period a sufficient quantity for AT&T's reasonable need in that particular CLLIC.

2 Permanent Number Portability

- 2.1 The FCC, the Commissions and industry forums have developed a permanent approach to providing service provider number portability and BellSouth is working to implement Permanent Number Portability ("PNP"). Both Parties agree to implement a permanent approach as developed and approved by the Commission, the FCC and industry forums. Consistent with the requirements to move to PNP, interim

Service Provider Number Portability ("SPNP") is available pursuant to Section 3 of this Attachment 5.

- 2.2 BellSouth and AT&T will adhere to the process flows and cutover guidelines outlined in "The Local Number Portability Ordering Guide for CLECs," Issue 1b, dated October 10, 1999, attached as Exhibit A to this Attachment 5.
 - 2.2.1 BellSouth and AT&T will work cooperatively to implement changes to PNP process flows ordered by the FCC or as recommended by standard industry forums addressing PNP.
 - 2.2.2 Both Parties shall cooperate in the process of porting numbers from one carrier to another so as to limit service outage for the ported subscriber. BellSouth will set LRN unconditional or 10-digit triggers where applicable which should ensure no interruption to the end user. Where triggers are set, BellSouth removes the ported number at the same time the trigger is removed.
 - 2.2.3 For porting of numbers where triggers are not set, the Parties shall coordinate the porting of the number between service providers so as to minimize service interruptions to the end user.
 - 2.2.4 BellSouth will provide ordering support for AT&T's PNP requests Monday through Friday 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM EST. BellSouth normal hours of operation for provisioning support are defined in Attachment 15, incorporated herein by this reference. Ordering and provisioning support required by AT&T outside of these hours will be considered outside of normal business hours and will be subject to overtime billing. For stand alone PNP where LRN unconditional or 10-digit triggers are set, AT&T may port numbers during times that are supported by NPAC 24 hours a day 7 days a week. BellSouth will provide maintenance assistance to AT&T 24 hours a day 7 days a week to resolve issues arising from the porting of numbers for problems isolated to the BellSouth network.
 - 2.2.5 AT&T will provide ordering support for BellSouth's PNP requests Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. MST.
 - 2.2.6 Performance Measurements for BellSouth providing PNP are located in Attachment 9 to this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2.3 BellSouth will use best efforts to update switch translations, where necessary, in time frames that are consistent with the time frames BellSouth's end users experiences or as offered to other CLECs.

- 2.4 AT&T may request deployment of PNP according to and pursuant to the rules and regulations set forth in 47 CFR § 52.23.
- 2.5 End User Line Charge. Recovery of charges associated with implementing PNP through a monthly charge assessed to end users has been authorized by the FCC. This end user line charge will be as filed in BellSouth's FCC Tariff No. 1 and will be billed to AT&T where AT&T is a subscriber to local switching or where AT&T is a reseller of BellSouth telecommunications services. This charge will not be discounted.
- 2.6 **LRN-LNP employs an "N-1" Query Methodology**
- 2.6.1 For interlata or intralata toll calls the originating carrier will pass the call to the appropriate toll carrier who will perform the LNP query. In this situation, the toll carrier is the N-1 carrier.
- 2.6.2 For a local call to a ported number, BellSouth or AT&T, as the originating carrier, will be the N-1 carrier. The N-1 carrier will perform an external database query and pass the call to the appropriate terminating carrier.
- 2.6.3 For local calls to an NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LRN-PNP, the Party that owns the originating switch shall query an LRN-PNP database as soon as the call reaches the first LRN-PNP-capable switch in the call path. The Party that owns the originating switch shall query on a local call to an NXX in which at least one number has been ported via LRN-PNP prior to any attempts to route the call to any other switch. Prior to the first number in an NXX being ported via LRN-PNP, neither Party will charge a query charge to the other Party when the other Party is the N-1 carrier.
- 2.6.4 A Party shall be charged for an LRN-PNP query by the other Party only if the Party to be charged is the N-1 carrier and it was obligated to perform the LRN-PNP query but failed to do so. Parties are not obligated to perform the LNP-PNP query prior to the first port in an NXX.
- 2.6.5 On calls originating from a Party's network, the Party will populate, in the SS7 Initial Address Message, if technically feasible, the Jurisdiction Information Parameter ("JIP") with the first six digits of the ten digit Location Routing Number ("LRN") in accordance with the applicable industry technical standards.

2.7 SMS Administration

2.7.1 AT&T and BellSouth will adhere to the Number Portability Administration Center ("NPAC") Service Management System ("SMS") Functional Requirements Specification ("FRS") as described in the NANC-FRS-Number Portability Administration Center-SMS, Version 1.1, dated May 5, 1997, as required in FCC Order No. 97-289, released August 18, 1997, or as further required by the FCC in future proceedings.

2.8 Project Management Guidelines for PNP

2.8.1 BellSouth will project manage a PNP order from AT&T if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- 51 + telephone numbers on basic service;
- 15 + loops;
- telephone numbers associated with a complex class of service.

2.8.2 As used herein, the term "Project Manage" means that the Parties shall negotiate implementation details, including but not limited to, due dates, cut-over intervals and times, coordination of technical resources and completion notices.

2.9 Excluded Numbers

2.9.1 Neither Party shall be required to provide number portability for excluded numbers (e.g., 500 and 900 NPAs, 950 and 976 NXX number services, and others as excluded by FCC rulings issued from time to time) under this Agreement.

2.10 Mass Calling Numbers/Choke Networks

2.10.1 Mass Call Numbers will not be ported with LRN (i.e., there will be no database queries made for mass call number NXX's associated with choke networks). Until the FCC has adopted a standard for porting mass call numbers, the Parties will work cooperatively with each other to direct calls to the mass calling network using arrangements that are economical and efficient for both Parties.

2.11 Operator Services, Line Information Database ("LIDB") and Directory Assistance

2.11.1 If Operator Services, LIDB and Directory Assistance services are provided pursuant to this Agreement, they shall also apply when PNP is in place.

2.12 If Integrated Services Digital Network User Part ("ISUP") signaling is used, BellSouth and AT&T shall provide, if technically feasible, the Jurisdiction Information Parameter ("JIP") in the SS7 Initial Address Message ("IAM") in accordance with applicable industry standard technical references.

2.13 **Porting of PNP DID Block Numbers**

BellSouth and AT&T shall offer number portability to customers for any portion of an existing DID block without being required to port the entire block of DID numbers. BellSouth and AT&T shall permit end users who port a portion of DID numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID numbers. Porting a portion of a range of DID numbers can be provided by BellSouth pursuant to its General Subscriber Services Tariff. The lines remaining with BellSouth will be billed to BellSouth end users at the applicable tariffed rates or consistent with BellSouth pricing guidelines.

3 **Service Provider Number Portability**

3.1 Definition. Until the industry-wide permanent solution is implemented in an end office, BellSouth shall provide Service Provider Number Portability ("SPNP"). SPNP is an interim service arrangement whereby an end user who switches subscription of his local exchange service from BellSouth to a CLEC, or vice versa, is permitted to retain the use of his existing assigned telephone number, provided that the end user remains at the same location for his local exchange service or changes locations and service providers but stays within the same serving wire center of his existing number.

3.2 Methods of Providing Number Portability. SPNP is available on a per telephone number basis through either remote call forwarding ("SPNP-RCF"), LERG reassignments (SPNP-LENG), direct inward dialing trunks (SPNP-DID), or route indexing (SPNP-RI) at the election of the Party requesting SPNP.

4 **SPNP Implementation**

4.1 SPNP is available only where a AT&T or BellSouth is currently providing, or will begin providing concurrent with provision of SPNP, basic local exchange service to the affected end user. SPNP for a particular telephone number is available only from the central office originally providing local exchange service to the end user. SPNP for a particular assigned telephone number will be disconnected when any end user, Commission, BellSouth, or CLEC initiated activity (e.g., a

change in exchange boundaries) would normally result in a telephone number change had the end user retained his initial local exchange service.

- 4.2 Signaling Requirements. SS7 Signaling is required for the provision of SPNP services. SPNP-DID is available from BellSouth on a per DS0, DS1, or DS3 basis.
- 4.3 The calling party shall be responsible for payment of the applicable charges for sent-paid calls to the SPNP number. For collect, third-party, or other operator-assisted non-sent paid calls to the ported telephone number, BellSouth or the CLEC shall be responsible for the payment of charges under the same terms and conditions for which the end user would have been liable for those charges. Either Party may request that the other block collect and third company non-sent paid calls to the SPNP-assigned telephone number. If a Party does not request blocking, the other Party will provide itemized local usage detail for the billing of non-sent paid calls an individual end user account level. The billable detail will be delivered to the requesting Party pursuant to the terms and conditions contained within Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4.4 Each Party shall be responsible for obtaining authorization from the end user for the handling of the disconnection of the end user's service, the provision of new local service and the provision of SPNP services. Each Party shall be responsible for coordinating the provision of service with the other to assure that its switch is capable of accepting SPNP ported traffic. Each Party shall be responsible for providing equipment and facilities that are compatible with the other's service parameters, interfaces, equipment and facilities and shall be required to provide sufficient terminating facilities and services at the terminating end of an SPNP call to adequately handle all traffic to that location and shall be solely responsible to ensure that its facilities, equipment and services do not interfere with or impair any facility, equipment, or service of the other Party or any of its end users. In the event that either Party determines in its reasonable judgment that the other Party will likely impair or is impairing, or interfering with any equipment, facility or service or any of its end users, that Party may either refuse to provide SPNP service or may terminate SPNP service to the other Party after providing appropriate notice.
- 4.5 Each Party shall be responsible for providing an appropriate intercept announcement service for any telephone numbers subscribed to SPNP services for which it is not presently providing local exchange service or terminating to an end user. Where either Party chooses to

disconnect or terminate any SPNP service, that Party shall be responsible for designating the preferred standard type of announcement to be provided.

- 4.6 Each Party shall be the other Party's single point of contact for all repair calls on behalf of each Party's end user. Each Party reserves the right to contact the other Party's customers if deemed necessary for maintenance purposes.
- 4.7 Neither Party shall be responsible for adverse effects on any service, facility or equipment from the use of SPNP services. End-to-end transmission characteristics may vary depending on the distance and routing necessary to complete calls over SPNP facilities and the fact that another carrier is involved in the provisioning of service. Therefore, end-to-end transmission characteristics cannot be specified by either Party for such calls. Neither Party shall be responsible to the other if any necessary change in protection criteria or in any of the facilities, operation, or procedures of either renders any facilities provided by the other Party obsolete or renders necessary modification of the other Party's equipment.
- 4.8 For terminating IXC traffic ported to either Party which requires use of either Party's tandem switching, the tandem provider will bill the IXC tandem switching, the interconnection charge, and a portion of the transport, and the other Party will bill the IXC local switching, the carrier common line and a portion of the transport. If the tandem provider is unable to provide the necessary access records to permit the other Party to bill the IXC directly for terminating access to ported numbers, then the tandem provider will bill the IXC full terminating switched access charges at the tandem provider's rate and will compensate the other Party at the tandem Party's tariff rates. If an intraLATA toll call is delivered, the delivering Party will pay terminating access rates to the other Party. This subsection does not apply in cases where SPNP-DID is utilized for number portability.
- 4.9 If SPNP is deployed by either Party and prior to conversion to PNP:
- 4.9.1 If requested by either Party, the other Party shall provide Emergency Interrupt ("EI") trunks to the requesting Party's End Office for Busy Line Verification/Busy Line Interrupt ("BLV/BLI") call requests for lines that terminate at the requesting Party's End Office;
- 4.9.2 When a BLV/BLI request for a ported number is directed to one Party's operator and the query is not successful (i.e., the request yields an

abnormal result), the operator shall confirm whether the number has been ported and shall direct the request to the appropriate operator;

- 4.9.3 BellSouth shall remove from its LIDB all existing BellSouth issued Telephone Line Number ("TLN")-based card numbers when a customer ports its number to the AT&T;
- 4.9.4 Where BellSouth has control of directory listings and/or directory assistance for NXX codes containing ported numbers, BellSouth shall process the requests for directory listings and Directory Assistance entries as specified by AT&T on the appropriate service request.
- 4.9.5 AT&T shall have the right to use the existing BellSouth 911 infrastructure for all 911 capabilities. With respect to 911 service associated with ported numbers under SPNP, the Parties agree that all ported numbers will remain in the Public Service Answering Points ("PSAP") routing databases. When remote call forwarding ("RCF") is used, both the ported numbers and shadow numbers for a Party's ported subscribers shall be stored in PSAP databases. Either Party shall have the right to verify the accuracy of the information in the PSAP databases.
- 4.9.6 Cut-over intervals for SPNP provided to AT&T end users will be at parity with the intervals experienced by BellSouth end users, BellSouth itself, or any other CLEC, in accordance with the Performance Measurements in Attachment 9, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4.10 SPNP-RCF, as contemplated by this Attachment 5, is a telecommunications service whereby a call dialed to an SPNP-RCF equipped telephone number is automatically forwarded to an assigned seven- or ten- digit telephone number within the local calling area as defined in BellSouth's General Subscriber Services Tariff. The forwarded-to number shall be specified by AT&T or BellSouth, as appropriate. The forwarding company will provide identification of the originating telephone number, via SS7 signaling, to the receiving Party. Identification of the originating telephone number to the SPNP-RCF end user cannot be guaranteed. SPNP-RCF provides a single call path for the forwarding of no more than one simultaneous call to the receiving Party's specified forwarded-to number. Additional call paths are available and rates are set forth in Exhibit B.
- 4.11 SPNP-DID service, as contemplated by this Attachment 5, provides trunk side access to end office switches for direct inward dialing to the other company's premises equipment from the telecommunications network to lines associated with the other company's switching

equipment and must be provided on all trunks in a group arranged for inward service.

- 4.11.1 A SPNP-DID trunk termination charge, provided with SS7 Signaling only, applies for each trunk voice grade equivalent. In addition, direct facilities are required from the end office where a ported number resides to the end office serving the ported end user customer. The rates for a switched local channel and switched dedicated transport apply as contained in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services tariff, as said tariff is amended from time to time. Transport mileage will be calculated as the airline distance between the end office where the number is ported and the Point of Interface ("POI") using the V&H coordinate method.
- 4.11.2 SPNP-DID must be established with a minimum configuration of two channels and one unassigned telephone number per switch, per arrangement for control purposes.
- 4.11.3 Transport facilities arranged for SPNP-DID may not be mixed with any other type of trunk group, with no outgoing calls placed over said facilities.
- 4.11.4 SPNP-DID will be provided only where such facilities are available and where the switching equipment of the ordering company is properly equipped.
- 4.11.5 Where SPNP-DID service is required from more than one wire center or from separate trunk groups within the same wire center, such service provided from each wire center or each trunk group within the same wire center shall be considered a separate service.
- 4.11.6 Only customer-dialed sent-paid calls will be completed to the first number of a SPNP-DID number group; however, there are no restrictions on calls completed to other numbers of a SPNP-DID number group.
- 4.11.7 Interface group arrangements provided for terminating the switched transport at the Party's terminal location are as set forth in BellSouth's Intrastate Access Services Tariff, § E6.1.3.A as amended from time to time.
- 4.11.8 BellSouth and AT&T shall offer number portability to customers for any portion of existing DID block without being required to port the entire block of DID numbers. BellSouth and AT&T shall permit end users who port a portion of DID numbers to retain DID service on the remaining portion of the DID numbers. Porting a portion of a range of

DID numbers can be provided by BellSouth pursuant to its General Subscriber Services Tariff. The lines remaining with BellSouth will be billed to BellSouth's end users at the applicable tariffed rates or consistent with BellSouth pricing guidelines.

- 4.11.9 SPNP-DID is available from BellSouth on a per DS1 or DS3 basis. Where SPNP-DID is technically feasible and is provided on a DS1 or a DS3 basis, the applicable rates are set forth in Exhibit A to this Attachment 5.

4.12 **Route Indexing**

- 4.12.1 Route Indexing ("RI") may take two forms: Route Index-Portability Hub ("RI-PH") or Directory Number-Route Index ("DN-RI").

- 4.12.2 RI-PH will route a dialed call to the first Party's (Party A's) switch associated with the NXX of the dialed number. Party A's switch shall then insert a prefix onto the dialed number which identifies how the call is to be routed to the other Party (Party B) as the local service provider. The prefixed dialed number is transmitted to Party A's tandem switch to which the Party B is connected. The prefix is removed by the operation of the tandem switch and the dialed number is routed to Party B's switch so the routing of the call can be completed by Party B.

- 4.12.3 DN-RI is a form of RI-PH that requires direct trunking from BellSouth's switch where the ported number was originally assigned to the AT&T switch where the number has been ported. The BellSouth switch shall send without a prefix the originally dialed number to AT&T's switch.

- 4.12.4 BellSouth shall provide RI-PH or DN-RI on an individual telephone number basis, as the other Party designates. Where technically feasible, AT&T may designate both methods so that calls to ported numbers are first directed to AT&T's switch over direct trunks but may overflow to tandem trunks if all trunks in the direct group are occupied.

- 4.12.5 For both RI-PH and DN-RI the trunks used may, at AT&T's option, be the same as those used for exchange of other local traffic with the other Party if technically feasible. At either Party's option, the trunks shall employ SS7 or in band signaling and may be one way or two way.

5 LERG Reassignment

- 5.1 BellSouth and AT&T will mutually agree, on a case by case basis, when an entire NXX is to be reassigned using LERG reassignment.

Both parties will work cooperatively to coordinate and complete the transfer prior to the date on which LERG changes become effective using processes and intervals agreed to by both Parties.

6 Rates

6.1 Rates for SPNP are set out in Exhibit B to this Attachment 5, incorporated herein by this reference. If no rate is identified in this Agreement, the rate for the specific service or function will be negotiated by the Parties upon request by either Party.

6.2 Rates for the interfaces to access Operations Support Systems functions shall be as set forth in Exhibit A of Attachment 2, incorporated herein by this reference.

7 Transition to Permanent Number Portability

7.1 Once PNP is implemented in an end office , with advance written notice, both Parties must withdraw their SPNP offerings. The transition from existing SPNP arrangements to PNP shall occur within one hundred twenty (120) days from the date PNP is implemented in the end office serving the telephone number. Neither Party shall charge the other Party for conversion from SPNP to PNP. The Parties shall comply with any SPNP/PNP transition processes established by the FCC and State commissions and appropriate industry number portability work groups.

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Introduction

Purpose

This document contains information on Local Number Portability for CLECs interested in ordering this service from BellSouth. The Guide is intended to increase the CLEC's understanding of LNP Order Process at BellSouth; to provide guidelines for LSR completion; and to offer information on critical success factors for LSR submission.

This guide is intended to be used as a supplement to, not a replacement for, the **BellSouth Ordering Guide for CLECs** and the **LEO Implementation Guide**, which are available on-line through the BellSouth Interconnection website at: <http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/guides/guides.html>

Information resources reviewed for this guide include, but are not limited to:

- BellSouth CLEC Interconnections Web Site
- BellSouth Interconnection Services Ordering Guide for CLECs
- BellSouth LNP Documentation
- North American Numbering Council (NANC) Architecture and Administrative Plan for Local Number Portability
- North American Numbering Council (NANC) Inter-Service Provider LNP Operations Flows
- www.fcc.gov
- www.npac.com/home.htm
- www.ported.com

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1. Introduction to Local Number Portability

1.1 Description of LNP

Local Service Provider Portability

Local Number Portability (LNP) is a part of local competition that provides end users with the ability to retain their phone numbers when they change their Local Service Provider.

Phase	Description
Local Service Provider (SPP)	Allows customers to keep their current telephone number(s) if they chose to switch from their current Local Service Provider to another.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires BellSouth to provide a mechanism for customers to retain their current telephone numbers when they change their Local Service Provider.

Orders of the FCC pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 provide deadlines for implementing Local Service Provider Portability (SPP) in the top 100 metropolitan areas in the United States. The BellSouth territory includes 21 of the top 100 metropolitan areas. To learn more about BellSouth's implementation schedule plan, please visit us at:

Note: http://g8058183.ga.bst.bls.com/ibu/files/infra_lnp/LNP/LNPtrack.xls

1.2 Network Provisioning for Local Number Portability

Interim Number Portability (INP) is a temporary solution for porting numbers which involves two telephone numbers to route calls to the serving wire center using one of the following methods:

- Remote Call Forwarding
- Direct Inward Dialing
- Route Index Hubbing

Local Number Portability (LNP) is the long range solution for Service Provider Portability (SPP) and includes the following characteristics:

- uses only one telephone number.
- requires significant network architecture hardware and software upgrades.
- uses the Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN).
- requires new routing methodology to send calls to the wire center of the company currently providing the local service.

Note: All calls to a port eligible NPA NXX will route using the AIN to look up the correct routing information (LRN) for the telephone number.

The LNP Gateway (LNP GW) is a major link in the LNP process for BellSouth since it provides both internal and external communications with various interfaces and processes, including:

- linking BellSouth to the Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC).
- allowing for inter-company communications between BellSouth and the CLECs for electronic ordering.
- providing interface between NPAC and AIN SMS for LNP routing processes.

The Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC) is a neutral third party organization that oversees the porting of telephone numbers for Local Number Portability. The NPAC maintains and communicates LNP-related data including

- Old Service Provider ID (OCN)
- New Service Provider ID (OCN)
- Local Routing Number (LRN)
- Due Dates
- CLASS-DPC
- CLASS-SSN
- LIDB-DPC
- LIDB-SSN
- CNAM-DPC
- CNAM-SSN
- ISVM-DPC
- ISVM-SSN

The BellSouth LNP Gateway must communicate with the NPAC as to whether numbers are porting out or porting in. The messages sent to and from the NPAC are called Subscription Versions (SVs). Subscription Versions are the messages that flow through the NPAC to provide information for routing calls to ported numbers. The SV can only contain one telephone number (TN), which means that one LSR may have many TNs and SVs associated with it.

LSRs for INP

LSRs requesting Interim Number Portability (INP) will not be accepted with due dates by BellSouth after the completion for each phase. If the due date is between ready to port and completion date, the CLEC may request INP or LNP.

1.3 LNP Order Status

Online Order Status Information For Faxed LSR's

CLEC PON Status Reports for faxed LNP LSRs are now available via BellSouth's website at <https://elec.bellsouth.com>. This report is located in the same location as your company's measurement reports. The information can be found as report number 00 (FON Report) on the CLEC reports page.

The report will provide status for all orders tracked into BellSouth's Local Order Number (LON) systems for the most recent 31 days. The report is CLEC specific. This will answer the majority of questions CLECs have about orders that have been submitted.

Each CLEC will be required to have a specific login and password to access these reports. The application for this report is also found on the web. Once the form is completed, it should be sent to the account team for processing.

EDI/TAG POS and CN

Users submitting LSR's through EDI or TAG receive Pending Order Statuses (POS) and Jeopardy Notifications back through the return path for these systems. Completion notification (CN) is sent when all service orders associated with the LSR are complete.

2. LNP Order Process Flows

2.1 High Level LNP Order Process Flow and Narrative

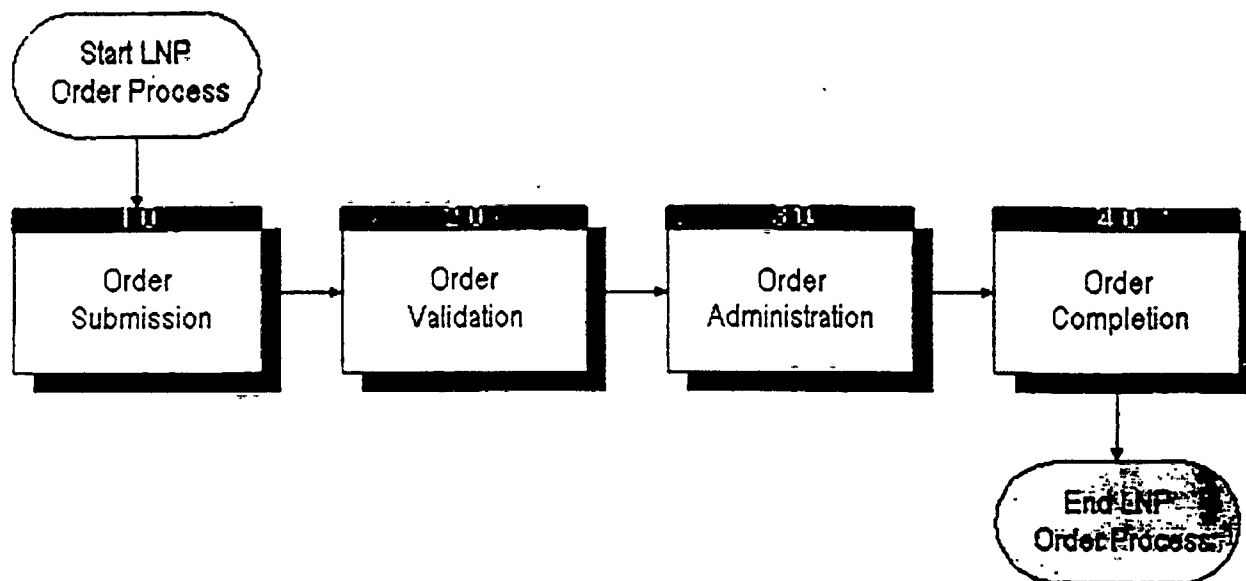


Figure 1 High Level LNP Order Process Flow

Step	Action
1.0 Order Submission:	CLEC sends LNP LSR to BellSouth LCSC via fax, EDI, or TAG.
2.0 Order Validation:	BellSouth validates CLEC LSR for errors, and requests clarification when necessary.

Step	Action
3.0 Order Administration:	BellSouth sends FOC to CLEC if clarification is not needed. CLEC receives FOC and immediately sends Create SV to NPAC. BellSouth then sends Concur SV to NPAC. The CLEC sends the Activate SV to NPAC on the Due Date, porting the number.
4.0 Order Completion:	BellSouth completes the Disconnect order and sends E911 Unlock message to SCC. CLEC sends E911 Migrate message to SCC.

2.2 Detailed LNP Order Process Flow and Narrative

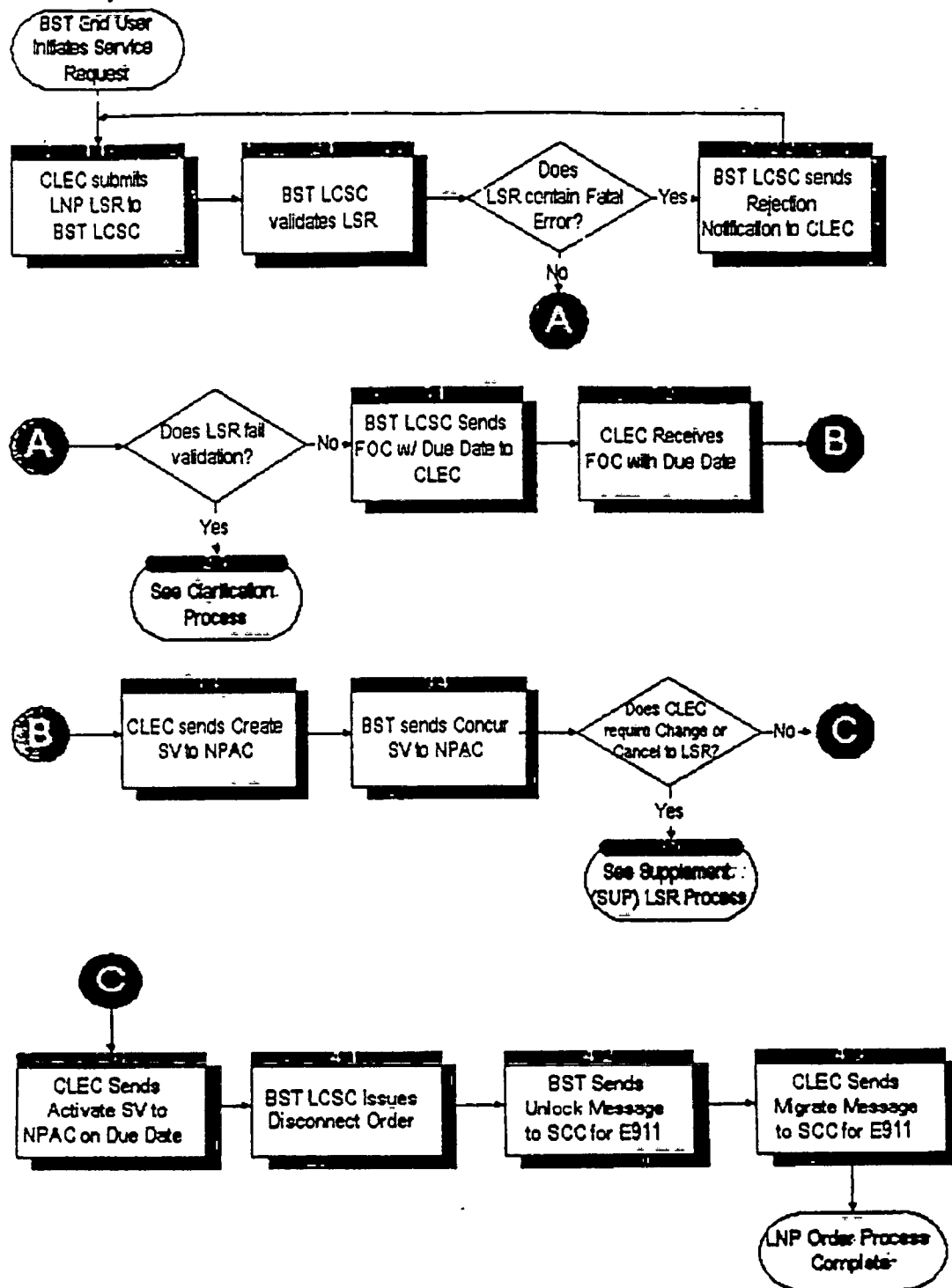


Figure 2 Detailed LNP Order Process Flow

2.2.1 LNP Order Process - Port Out and Port Out with Loop

1.0 Order Submission

1.1

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC sends LNP LSR to BST LCSC via fax, EDI or TAG
Predecessor	Bell South End User initiates LNP Request with CLEC
Input	End-user CSR; BellSouth Ordering Guide for CLECs; order forms; BellSouth Standard Interval information; BellSouth LNP Ordering Checklist (Section 8.0 of BellSouth LNP Ordering Guide for CLECs)
Output	BellSouth LCSC receives paper copy LSR via fax server OR digital LSR for EDI or TAG orders
Key Interface	Fax; EDI; TAG
Notes	LSR format defined by OBF

2.0 Order Validation

2.1

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC validates LSR
Predecessor	CLEC submission of LSR
Input	CLEC LSR
Output	Validated LSR

Step	Action
Key Interface	BellSouth LNP-Gateway
Notes	CLECs may access pre-order support using a web browser and the LENS interface. Use the Inquiry function to confirm the accuracy of customer record information, address, etc.
Decision Point	

Step	Action
Process Step	Does LSR contain Fatal Error*?
If YES:	Proceed to 2.2 "BST LCSC sends Rejection Notification to CLEC"
If NO:	Proceed to Decision Point "Does LSR fail validation?"
Notes	*Fatal Reject errors include missing required fields, duplicate PON, and invalid entries.

2.2

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC sends Rejection Notification to CLEC
Predecessor	CLEC LNP LSR contains fatal errors (e.g., missing fields, duplicate PON, invalid entries)
Input	Rejected LSR
Output	Notification of fatal errors sent to CLEC
Key Interface	Fax, EDI, TAG, BellSouth LNP-Gateway
Notes	Fatal reject notices for EDI or TAG orders will be transmitted electronically via EDI or TAG. Fatal reject notices for faxed orders will be transmitted via fax.

Decision Point

Step	Action
Process Step	Does LSR fail validation?
If YES:	Proceed to 2.3 "Clarification Process"
If NO:	Proceed to 3.1 "BellSouth LCSC Sends FOC with Due Date to CLEC"

2.3

See Clarification Process

3.0 Order Administration

3.1

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC Sends FOC with Due Date to CLEC
Predecessor	CLEC LSR passes BellSouth LNP Gateway validation.
Input	Valid LSR
Output	FOC is sent to CLEC via EDI, TAG, or fax; BellSouth LCSC issues 10 digit trigger order if applicable
Key Interface	EDI; TAG; fax; BellSouth LNP Gateway
Notes	"Trigger" may not be applicable for all types of service. See Local Number Portability Rules in section 4.0 for more details.

3.2

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC receives FOC with Due Date
Predecessor	BellSouth LCSC sends CLEC FOC via fax, EDI, or TAG
Input	Valid LSR with FOC
Output	CLEC receives FOC with Due Date
Key Interface	Fax; EDI; TAG

3.3

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC sends Create SV to NPAC with Due Date on FOC and Time set to 00:00
Predecessor	FOC received by CLEC
Input	FOC with Due Date sent by BellSouth LCSC
Output	NPAC notifies BellSouth LCSC that CLEC has sent Create SV
Key Interface	NPAC - Service Order Administration (SOA); BellSouth LNP Gateway
Notes	SV - Subscription Version BellSouth will place SVs in Conflict if CLEC sends the Create SV to NPAC prior to CLEC receiving FOC from BellSouth.

3.4

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC sends Concur SV to NPAC with Due Date on FOC and Time set to 00:00
Predecessor	BellSouth receives notification of Create SV from NPAC
Input	Create SV sent by CLEC to NPAC
Output	NPAC notifies CLEC that Concur SV has been sent by BellSouth
Key Interface	NPAC - Service Order Administration (SOA); BellSouth LNP Gateway
Notes	BellSouth LCSC has <u>18 hours</u> after Create SV to send Concur SV to NPAC.

Decision Point

Step	Action
Process Step	Does CLEC require Change* or Cancel to Original LSR?
If YES:	Proceed to 3.5 "Supplement (SUP) LSR Process"
If NO:	Proceed to 3.6 "CLEC sends Activate SV to NPAC with Due Date on FOC"
Notes	*Change to original LSR includes: Due Date change; Add/Remove TNs

3.5

See Supplement (SUP) LSR Process

3.6

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC Sends Activate SV to NPAC on Due Date on FOC
Predecessor	BellSouth LCSC sends Concur SV to NPAC
Input	CLEC receives Concur SV from NPAC
Output	NPAC receives Activate SV from CLEC on Due Date on FOC
Key Interface	NPAC - Service Management System (SMS); BellSouth LNP Gateway
Notes	BellSouth is no longer responsible for customer after CLEC sends Activate SV to port the number. Activate SV should be sent for <u>all</u> telephone numbers on the LSR.

4.0 Order Completion

4.1

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC Issues Disconnect Order
Predecessor	CLEC sends Activate SV to port number.
Input	NPAC notification of CLEC Activate SV sent to BellSouth
Output	Disconnect service orders issued by BellSouth LCSC

Step	Action
Key Interface	NPAC - Service Management System (SMS); BellSouth LNP Gateway
Notes	Following this point, questions regarding maintenance & repair should go to the UNE Center. LCSC will not issue disconnect until the Activate SV is received for <u>all</u> telephone numbers on LSR.

4.2

Step	Action
Process Step	BST sends Unlock Message to SCC for E911
Predecessor	BellSouth completes Disconnect service order
Input	Disconnect service order
Output	SCC receives BellSouth's Unlock message
Key Interface	SCC
Notes	BellSouth will not send the Unlock message to SCC before the Disconnect service order is complete. BellSouth will not send the Unlock message for E911 until Activate SV is received for <u>all</u> telephone numbers on LSR.

4.3

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC Sends Migrate Message to SCC for E911
Predecessor	BellSouth Unlock message has been received by E911 SCC
Input	BellSouth Unlock message

Step	Action
Output	E911 record locked
Key Interface	SCC
Notes	If CLEC Migrate (Lock) message makes it to SCC before BellSouth's Unlock Message, then the CLEC message goes on an error report. BellSouth will not send Unlock message to SCC until CLEC has sent Activate SVs to NPAC for <u>all</u> telephone numbers on LSR.

3. LNP Clarification and Supplement (SUP) LSR Process Flows

3.1 Detailed LNP Clarification Process Flow and Narrative

Clarifications

Any LSR will be returned to the CLEC for clarification when BellSouth is not able to issue the orders requested due to:

- incomplete information
- incorrect information
- conflicting information

For faxed requests, clarifications will be sent via fax. Clarifications for EDI or TAG orders are sent via EDI or TAG. The CLEC has 10 business days to respond to the request for clarification by submitting a supplemental LSR. (SUP)* If no response is received, the LSR will be canceled on the eleventh day. If canceled by BellSouth, a new LSR (PON) must be submitted.

Note: * SUP LSRs must be sent using the same ordering method as the original LSR (i.e., Fax, EDI, TAG)

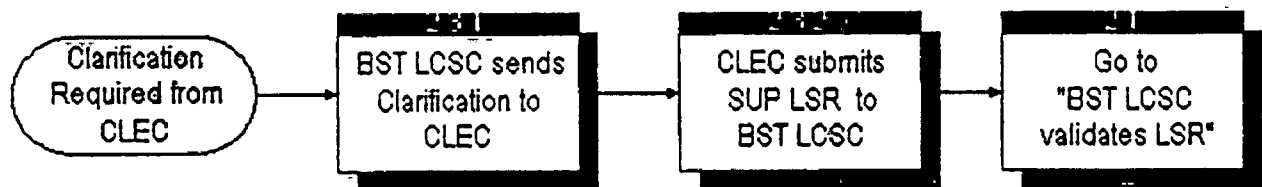


Figure 3 Detailed LNP Clarification Process Flow

3.1.1 Clarification Process

2.3.1

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC sends Clarification to CLEC via Fax, EDI, or TAG
Predecessor	LSR falls out of BellSouth LNP-Gateway and requires clarification

Step	Action
Input	LSR rejected by BellSouth LNP-Gateway for clarification
Output	Clarification sent to CLEC via fax, EDI, or TAG
Key Interface	Fax; EDI; TAG
2.3.2	

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC submits SUP LSR via fax, EDI, or TAG to BST LCSC
Predecessor	LSR falls out of LNP-Gateway and requires clarification
Input	Clarification sent by LCSC via fax, EDI, or TAG to CLEC
Output	SUP LSR sent to LCSC
Key Interface	Fax; EDI; TAG
Notes	SUP must be sent via the same channel (EDI, TAG or fax) as the original LSR.

2.1

Go to "BST LCSC validates LSR"

3.2 Detailed Supplement (SUP) LSR Process Flow and Narrative

Supplement (SUP) LSR

A supplemental change (SUP) LSR will be required if a CLEC:

- has been asked for clarification on an LNP LSR,
- is requesting a Due Date Change,

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- would like to cancel an LSR.
- would like to add/remove telephone numbers for porting on LSR.

If a CLEC is changing the original LSR, a SUP LSR must be filed with BellSouth prior to any contact with NPAC.

Note: SUP LSRs must be sent using the same ordering method as the original LSR (i.e., Fax, EDI, TAG)

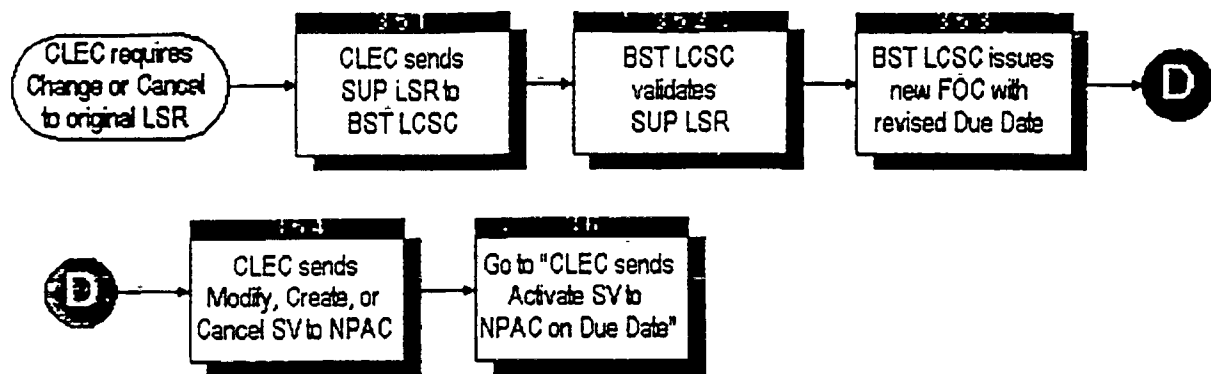


Figure 4 Detailed Supplement (SUP) LSR Process Flow

3.2.1 Supplement (SUP) LSR Change Process

3.5.1

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC sends SUP LSR to BST LCSC
Predecessor	Create and Concur SV received by NPAC for original LSR
Input	Original FOC and LSR; SUP LSR
Output	BST LCSC receives SUP LSR via fax, EDI, or TAG

Step	Action
Key Interface	EDI; TAG; Fax
Notes	SUP LSR must be sent to BellSouth LCSC and revised FOC received by CLEC prior to CLEC sending Modify SV to NPAC. CLEC must complete SUP field and VER field on LSR form.

3.5.2

Step	Action
Process Step	BST LCSC validates SUP LSR
Predecessor	CLEC submission of SUP LSR
Input	CLEC SUP LSR
Output	Validated SUP LSR; BellSouth updates internal records with supplemental information on LSR
Key Interface	BellSouth LNP-Gateway

3.5.3

Step	Action
Process Step	
Predecessor	BellSouth receives and validates SUP LSR from CLEC
Input	SUP LSR; original LSR and FOC
Output	BellSouth LCSC updates internal records with new Due Date; new FOC sent to CLEC via fax, EDI, or TAG

Step	Action
Key Interface	BST LNP-Gateway; EDI; TAG; fax
Notes	CLEC must receive FOC prior to sending Modify SV to NPAC Revised Due Date on FOC will be based on the receipt of SUP LSR and the BST Standard Intervals.

3.4

Step	Action
Process Step	CLEC sends Modify, Create or Cancel SV to NPAC
Predecessor	CLEC receives revised FOC with new Due Date
Input	SUP LSR; Revised FOC with new Due Date
Output	NPAC receives Modify, Create, or Cancel SV
Key Interface	NPAC - Service Order Administration (SOA)
Notes	If changing the Due Date on LSR, CLEC sends a Modify SV If removing TNs to port from original LSR, CLEC sends a Cancel SV for each TN. If adding TNs for porting, CLEC sends Create SVs for each new TN on the SUP LSR. If canceling the original LSR, CLEC sends Cancel SV to NPAC.

3.6

Go to "CLEC Sends Activate SV to NPAC on Due Date"

4. Requirements for LNP Ordering

4.1 Requirements for LNP Ordering

A telephone number may port out when all of the following are true:

- NPA NXX is portable.
- telephone number is a working number or end user is paying to reserve the number.
- end user name on the LSR matches the BellSouth customer record.
- end user address on the LSR is in the same Toll Message Rate Center (TMRC) as the address on the BellSouth customer record.
- number is associated with a line type that is portable. (Refer to Local Number Portability Rules - Section 4.2 below to determine if service type is portable and if a trigger order is necessary)

The responsibilities for porting out telephone numbers are described in the following table.

Table B The responsibilities for porting out telephone numbers are described in the following table

Work Group	Responsibilities
CLEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Send LSR to BellSouth to request number(s) to be ported. Receives FOC before sending SVs to NPAC. Provide service to end user. Notify the NPAC when ready to port the number. Update E911 information. Send SUP LSR to change Due Date, Cancel LSR, or modify TN on LSR.
LCSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Process LSR and FOC for port out requests. Issue trigger/port out/listing/loop service orders. Send and receive NPAC messages.
UNE Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate port out with loop orders with CLEC as needed. Complete port out with loop orders as needed. <p>Note: UNE Center is involved in provisioning only if loop is requested.</p>

4.2 Local Number Portability Rules

The following table may be used to determine if the service type is portable and if a trigger order is required. The existing service or line type is for reference only because the service is not portable. Only the number is ported.

Table C Local Number Portability Rules

Service / Line Type	Portable - w/ LRN	Trigger	Notes
AdWatch	Y	N	The number will no longer work for AdWatch once it is Ported.
Choke Codes	N		Does not involve LRN

Table C Local Number Portability Rules (continued)

Service / Line Type	Portable - w/ LRN	Trigger	Notes
Denied for Non-Pay	Y	N	
DID (Block of 20)	Y	N	To Port a portion of a range will require special assembly.
ESSX / MultiServ	Y	Y	If lines are in a hunting arrangement, see hunting Lines below.
FX / FCO	Y	Y	The number can be ported within the same Toll Message Rate Center (TMRC). The BST designed circuit will be disconnected and the new service provider must establish the service.
Hunting Lines	Y	Y	If not all of the numbers in the hunt group are porting, the numbers porting must be removed from the hunt group the day before the port due date. CLEC can determine Frame Due Time or use BST default of 9:00 PM day before Port.
ISDN	Y	Y	
N11	N		
Out dial trunks	Y	N	
Party Line	Y	N	The number may be ported without loop. The BST service must be disconnected
Remote Call Forwarding / Interim Number Portability	Y	N	
Reserved numbers	Y	N	Only numbers reserved with chargeable USOCs may be ported
RingMaster	Y	N	
Sub-Let	Y	Y	
Surrogate Client Number	Y	N	
Suspend for season	Y	N	
Uniserve	N		

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Table C Local Number Portability Rules (continued)

Service / Line Type	Portable - w/ LRN	Trigger	Notes
Warm Line	N		
ZipCONNECT	N		

4.3 Required Forms

Required Forms for Port Out

The CLEC submits the following forms to the LCSC to request telephone numbers to Port Out:

- Local Service Request (LSR)
- End User (EU)
- Number Portability (NP) or Loop Service with Number Portability (LSNP)

Conditional Forms for Porting Out

- Directory Listing Request (DLR)

If listings are required, the Directory Listing Request (DLR) will be needed unless the ACT code is W. The W ACT code is a switch as is for listings and directory delivery requirements. This activity code is only valid when porting out all numbers on an account. Without a W ACT code on a full port, all listings are deleted unless the CLEC submits a DLR.

LNP Order Form Matrix

Table D LNP Order Form Matrix

When Ordering:	These Forms Are:				
	LSR	EU	NP	LSNP	DLR
Number Portability	R	R	R	P	C*
Loop Service with Number Portability	R	R	P	R	C*

Form Names:	Form Requirements:
LSR = Local Service Request Form	R=Required
EU = End User Form	P=Prohibited
NP = Number Portability Form	C=Conditional

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LSNP = Loop Service with Number Portability Form	O=Optional
DLR = Directory Listing Request Form	

* If all the telephone numbers for the Account are converting (Full Migration) and no change is being made to the listing, the DLR is not required. (This requires an ACT code of W.) However, if only a portion of the lines on the account are converting (Partial Migration), the DLR should be submitted to request listings. A DLR is **not required** when associated with LNP (Local Number Portability), even for partial migration. However, directory listings or directory delivery will not be established without a DLR.

Required Forms for SUPs

A supplemental change (SUP) LSR will be required if a CLEC:

- has been asked for clarification on an LNP LSR,
- is requesting a Due Date Change,
- would like to cancel an LSR,
- would like to add/remove telephone numbers for porting on LSR.

Use the **LNP Order Matrix Form** above to determine which order forms must be used.

A supplemental change LSR (SUP) should contain complete information and will supersede the original LSR. The SUP must reflect the same PON and CC from the original request. It must also have a higher version number in the VER field. The SUP field must be populated with:

- (1) to Cancel. (Prohibited if CLEC has sent Activate SV to NPAC for any numbers on the LSR)
- (2) for Desired Due Date changes. The new date is specified in the DDD field. If the request is to establish a due date less than the standard interval (from the date the SUP is sent), the EXP field must also be populated.
- (3) for other types of changes. This includes adding or removing porting numbers. Also includes requests for a change in desired due date in conjunction with other changes to a pending order. The standard interval should be used to establish a new due date when adding or removing ported numbers.

EDI, TAG and Fax requests may not be combined for the same PON. If an LSR is submitted via:

- EDI all SUPs for the PON must be sent through EDI.
- Fax all SUPs for the PON must be faxed.
- TAG all SUPs for the PON must be sent through TAG.

4.4 Minimum Required Fields for Faxed LNP Orders

Minimal Required Fields on the Faxed LSR for LNP

Please review the notes for each field, as they may highlight common errors on LNP LSRs. The fields below are those required for LNP orders. They may be required, conditional, or optional for other types of orders.

4.4.1 LSR Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Orders (LNP Port-out With or Without Loop)

Table E LSR Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Orders (LNP Port-out With or Without Loop)

Field Abbreviation	Field Name	Explanation
CCNA	Customer Carrier Name Abbreviation	Refer to CLEC Order Guide 9.1.2.1 Note: Required for orders with loop.
PON	Purchase Order Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.2 Note: Every new request requires a unique PON number. Note: When issuing a SUP, the same PON number on the original LSR should be used; however, the (VER) must be different.
VER	Version Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.3 Note: This field is conditional. When submitting a supplement (SUP) LSR, the CLEC must populate this field to uniquely distinguish this LSR from any other version. Note: If VER is entered, CLEC must also complete SUP field.
SC	Service Center	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.7
PG__OF__	Page number / Total pages	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.8
D / TSENT	Date and Time Sent	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.9

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Table E LSR Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Orders (LNP Port-out With or Without Loop) (continued)

Field Abbreviation	Field Name	Explanation
DDD	Desired Due Date	Refer to CLEC ordering guide 9.1.2.10 Note: Reference BST Standard Intervals for LNP when completing this field.
DFDT	Desired Frame Due Time	Refer to CLEC Ordering guide 9.1.2.14
REQTYP	Requisition Type and Status	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.17 Note: LNP with loop, will always be BB. LNP without loop, will always be CB
ACT	Activity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.18. Note: Will be V to indicate conversion to another local service provider or C for INP to LNP conversion or W for Conversion Listing as Is (LNP Full Migrations Only)
SUP	Supplement Type	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.19 Note: This field is conditional. When submitting a supplement (SUP) LSR, this field must be populated.
CC	Company Code	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.23 Note: This code must be the code used for the NPAC and for CLEC Q-accounts. The CC is also known as the four digit OPERATING COMPANY NUMBER (OCN)
ACTL	Access Customer Terminal Location	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.30 Note: Required for orders with designed loop.
LSO	Local Service Office	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.34 Note: Required for loop orders or when a directory listing is requested on the end user telephone number which is from a CLEC assigned NPA NXX.

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Table E LSR Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Orders (LNP Port-out With or Without Loop) (continued)

Field Abbreviation	Field Name	Explanation
TOS	Type of Service	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.35 Note: Identifies type of service (business, residential, or government) for the existing account which is porting out. Note: Be sure to use D as the second character for Complex service.
NC	Network Channel	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.37 Note: Required for loop orders.
NCI	Network Channel Interface	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.38 Note: Required for designed loop orders.
SECNCI	Secondary Network Channel Interface	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.40 Note: Required for designed loop orders.
CIC	Carrier Identification Code	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.48
CUST	Customer Name	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.49
BANI	Billing Account Number 1	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.51
ACNA	Access Customer Name Abbreviation	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.54 Note: Required for orders with loop.
TE	Tax Exemption	Generated by BST
INIT	Initiator Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.69
TEL NO (INIT)	Telephone Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.70
FAX NO	Initiator Fax Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.72 Note: Required to send FOC via fax
STREET	Initiator Street Address	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.73
CITY	City	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.76

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Table E LSR Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Orders (LNP Port-out With or Without Loop) (continued)

Field Abbreviation	Field Name	Explanation
STATE	State	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.77
ZIPCODE	Zip Code	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.78
MPCON	Implementation Contact	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.79 Note: : Required for orders with loop and for ACT of V (indicates conversion to another local service provider)
TEL NO	Telephone Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.80 Note: Required for orders with loop and for ACT of V (indicates conversion to another local service provider)
DRC	Design Routing Code	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.1.2.86 Note: Required on orders with non-designed loop when requesting a Loop Make-up.

Critical Fields on LSR

There are certain critical fields on the LSR that cannot be changed once the LSR has been validated. If these fields are to be changed, the first LSR must be canceled and a new LSR issued on a different PON. The critical fields are:

- PON
- CC
- ATN
- AN
- EATN
- EAN
- ACT
- NPT

4.4.2 Faxed End User Information Form Fields

Please review the notes for each field, as they may highlight common errors on LNP LSRs. The fields below are those required for LNP orders. They may be required, conditional, or optional for other types of orders

Table F Minimal Required Fields for Faxed End User Form

Field Abbreviations	Field Name	Explanation
PON	Purchase Order Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.2.1 Note: This entry must be identical to the PON entry on the LSR form.
VER	Version Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.2.2 Note: This field is conditional. When submitting a supplement (SUP) LSR, this entry must be identical to VER entry on the SUP LSR.
PG__OF__	Page Number / Total Pages	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.2.6
NAME	End User Name	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.3.1
SANO*	Service Address House Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.3.4
SASN	Service Address Street Name	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.3.7
CITY	City	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.3.14
STATE	State / Province	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.3.15
ZIP CODE	Zip Code	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.2.3.16

Note: Depending on the address associated with the order, conditional address fields may be required to provide a complete and valid end user location.

Note: The CLEC must advise BellSouth how to handle additional telephone numbers on the end user account. The additional telephone numbers may be associated with features such as:

- Ringmaster
- Surrogate Client MemoryCall
- Flexible Call Forwarding Dial Around (FCPAN)

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If these telephone numbers are not porting, use the disconnect section on the End User Form to detail this information.

4.4.3 Faxed Number Portability Form Fields

Faxed Number Portability Form Fields

Note: The PS Form must always be associated with the Local Service Request (LSR) and End User (EU) forms. Please review the notes for each field, as they may highlight common errors on LNP LSRs. The fields below are those required for LNP orders. They may be required, conditional, or optional for other types of orders.

Table G Minimal Required Fields for the Faxed Number Portability Form

Field Abbreviation	Field Name	Explanation
PON	Purchase Order Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.2.1 Note: This entry must be identical to the PON entry on the LSR form.
VER	Version Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.2.2 Note: This field is conditional. When submitting a supplement (SUP) LSR, this entry must be identical to VER entry on the SUP LSR.
NPQTY	Number Portability Quantity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.2.5
PG__OF__	Page Number / Total Pages	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.2.6
REF NUM	Reference Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.3.1 Note: REF NUMs must be unique on each form associated with the LSR. REF NUMs may not be duplicated and are associated with porting numbers, disconnecting numbers, and directory listings.

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**Table G Minimal Required Fields for the Faxed Number Portability Form
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Field Abbreviation	Field Name	Explanation
LNA	Line Activity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.3.3 Note: V= conversion of service to new LSP C= change existing account (e.g. INP to LNP)
PORTED #	Ported Telephone Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.3.7
NPT	Number Portability Type	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.8.3.10 Note: D= Local Number Portability

4.4.4 Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Form Fields

Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Form Fields

Note: The LSNP form must always be associated with the Local Service Request (LSR) and End User (EU) forms. Please review the notes for each field, as they may highlight common errors on LNP LSRs. The fields below are those required for LNP orders. They may be required, conditional, or optional for other types of orders.

Table H Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Form

Field	Abbreviation Field	Name Explanation
PON	Purchase Order Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.1 Note: This entry must be identical to the PON entry on the LSR form.
VER	Version Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.2 Note: This field is conditional. When submitting a supplement (SUP) LSR, this entry must be identical to VER entry on the SUP LSR.
LQTY	Loop Quantity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.5
PG__OF__	Page Number / Total Pages	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.6

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Table H Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Form (continued)

Field	Abbreviation Field	Name Explanation
REF NUM	Reference Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.1 Note: For LNP, REF NUMs must be unique on each form associated with the LSR. REF NUMs may not be duplicated and are associated with porting numbers, disconnecting numbers, and directory listings.
LNA	Line Activity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.3 Note: V= conversion of service to new LSP
SYSTEM ID	System Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.8
CABLE ID	Cable Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.11 Note: Required for port-out with loop orders. Note: Note: In some wire centers, CFA (Connecting Facility Assignment) may be used instead of cable ID and chain/pair. Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.9
SHELF		Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.12
SLOT		Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.13
RELAY RACK		Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.14

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Table H Minimal Required Fields for Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Form (continued)

Field	Abbreviation Field	Name Explanation
CHAN / PAIR	Channel / Pair	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.15 Note: Identifies the customer's system to be used in a collocation arrangement. Required when the customer has assignment control in a collocation arrangement, otherwise prohibited. Note: Required for port-out with loop orders. In some wire centers, CFA (Connecting Facility Assignment) may be used instead of cable ID and chain/pair. Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.9
PORTED #	Ported Telephone Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.23
NPT	Number Portability Type	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.26 Note: D= Local Number Portability

4.5 Complex LNP Orders

Definition of Complex Services

The Local Number Portability (LNP) request is classified as complex if the number(s) being ported out is working on a complex class of service. Requests to port out telephone numbers working on the following types of service are considered complex:

- ESSEX / MultiServ
- Primary Rate ISDN
- Basic Rate ISDN
- Channelized Megalink
- PBX - DID, Inward/Outward/Combination trunks
- Pathlink

4.6 Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Fields

Faxed Loop Service with Number Portability Fields

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Note: The LSNP form must always be associated with the Local Service Request (LSR) and End User (EU) forms. Please review the notes for each field, as they may highlight common errors on LNP LSRs. The fields below are those required for LNP orders. They may be required, conditional, or optional for other types of orders.

Field	Abbreviation Field	Name Explanation
PON	Purchase Order Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.1 Note: This entry must be identical to the PON entry on the LSR form.
VER	Version Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.2 Note: This field is conditional. When submitting a supplement (SUP) LSR, this entry must be identical to VER entry on the SUP LSR.
LQTY	Loop Quantity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.5
PG_OF_	Page Number/Total Pages	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.2.6
REF NUM	Reference Number	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.1 Note: For LNP, REF Num's must be unique on each form associated with porting numbers, and directory listings.
LNA	Line Activity	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.3 Note: V= conversion of service to new LSP N= new loop
System ID	System Identification	Refer to CLEC Ordering Guide 9.10.3.8

4.7 Project Managed LNP Orders and Standard Intervals

Note: For information on project management and due date intervals, refer to BellSouth Products and Services Interval Guide Interconnection Services @ http://interconnection.bellsouth.com/guides/guides_html

5. Critical Success Factors for LNP Ordering

5.1 Pre-Order Information

1. CLEC can proactively check the following points in the LSR before submitting via fax, EDI, or TAG.
 - a. Customer address is RSAG valid and within the rate center;
 - b. NPA-NXX is marked portable in the LERG;
 - c. TNs on LSR match TNs on end user account;
 - d. Due Date intervals are based on BellSouth Standard Intervals.
2. CLEC must have a Q-account for each OCN registered with NPAC and stated on LSR. All new OCNs registered with NPAC should be updated with BellSouth and a Q-account should be established.
3. CLEC should use correct OCN. OCN used at NPAC must match OCN used in CC field on CSR and OCN for Q account in BAN field.
4. CLEC must obtain end-user authorization to request LNP before submitting LNP LSR.

5.2 LSR Order Forms for LNP

1. CLEC should complete all required fields. Refer to Section 4.2, Minimum Required Fields, in this Guide.
2. CLEC should provide previously unassigned PON on LSR.
3. If CLEC is porting on any day other than the Due Date stated on the FOC, the CLEC should send BellSouth a SUP LSR prior to the Due Date stated on the LSR. BellSouth will then send a revised FOC with the new due date to the CLEC.
4. Per the BellSouth Ordering Guide for CLECs, a REF NUM may not be duplicated on an individual PON. REF NUMs are associated with:
 - porting numbers
 - disconnecting numbers
 - directory listings

Example: If a REF NUM is used on the Directory Listing Request form, it may not be repeated on the Number Portability/Loop form or the End User Disconnect form.

- PONs containing duplicate REF NUMs are placed in clarification.
5. The CLEC must advise BellSouth how to handle additional telephone numbers on the end user account. The additional telephone numbers may be associated with features such as:
 - Ringmaster
 - Surrogate Client MemoryCall
 - Flexible Call Forwarding Dial Around

If these telephone numbers are not porting, use the disconnect section on the End User Form to detail this information.

6. For all LNP orders, the LSR must provide the initiator's fax number in the FAX NO field, even for EDI or TAG LSRs.
7. CLEC should provide accurate cable & pair information for loop orders to avoid provisioning delays.
8. An LSR must contain numbers on one CSR. An LSR must be sent for each CSR.

5.3 Supplemental LSRs

1. If CLEC intends to port on any day other than the Due Date stated on the FOC, the CLEC should send BellSouth a SUP LSR prior to the due date originally stated on the FOC.
2. A supplemental change LSR (SUP) must reflect the same PON, CC, ATN, AN, EATN, EAN, ACT, and NPT as the original request.
3. SUP must also have a higher VER number and SUP field entry complete
4. EDI/TAG vs. FAX: EDI or TAG and Fax requests may not be combined for the same PON. If an LSR is submitted via:
 - EDI all SUPs for the PON must be sent through EDI.
 - TAG all SUPs for the PON must be sent through TAG.
 - Fax all SUPs for the PON must be faxed.

Example: The original LSR is sent via EDI and then placed in clarification by the LCSC. CLEC must send a SUP through EDI to change or cancel the request.

5.4 Clarifications

1. The CLEC has 10 business days to respond to the request for clarification by submitting a supplemental LSR.
2. If no response is received by BellSouth LCSC within 10 business days, the LSR will be canceled on the eleventh business day.
3. If original LSR is canceled by BellSouth, a new LSR with new PON must be submitted.
4. CLEC should not send Create SV to NPAC until an FOC has been received.
5. BellSouth will place SVs in Conflict if CLEC sends Create before FOC is received.

5.5 Standard Intervals

1. CLEC should review BellSouth Standard Interval Guide prior to submitting LSR.
2. The minimum Due Date for port-out is five business days after the FOC receipt date. The first TN ported in an NPA-NXX is no earlier than five business days after FOC receipt date.

5.6 NPAC Communication

1. CLEC must receive FOC from BellSouth prior to sending any NPAC SV messages (Create or Modify).
2. The CLEC should send the Create SV immediately upon receipt of FOC.
3. The Due Date on the Create SV sent to NPAC by the CLEC must match Due Date on FOC sent by BellSouth.
4. The Due Time on the Create SV must be set to 00:00.
5. CLEC should send Activate SV to NPAC on FOC due date.
6. BellSouth LCSC does not issue the Disconnect service order until notification of CLEC Activate SV is received from NPAC for all TNs on the LSR. This is done to avoid disruption to end-user service.
7. For any change in the Due Date to port numbers, to cancel port, or to add/remove telephone numbers, a SUP LSR must be sent to BellSouth LCSC and CLEC must receive revised FOC prior to sending a Modify message to NPAC.

5.7 E911 Lock Down

1. CLEC must send Activate SV to NPAC before BellSouth LCSC will issue the Disconnect.
2. BellSouth will not send the Unlock Message until Disconnect service order is complete.
3. If CLEC Migrate message reaches SCC before BellSouth's Unlock Message, the CLEC Migrate message will be shown on an error report which is sent to CLECs daily. CLEC must be sure they have sent Activate SVs to NPAC for all TNs which appear on error reports from SCC. (Refer to Section 7.2 of this guide for more details)
4. CLEC and BellSouth should send Migrate and Unlock messages to SCC with the same due date as the Activate SV to NPAC.

6. System Interfaces

6.1 Interface Options for Order Submission

Ordering Options for LSRs

The CLEC must send the Local Service Request (LSRs) for Local Number Portability or Loop Service with Number Portability to the BellSouth LCSC for processing. The request may be faxed or sent electronically through Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) or Telecommunication Access Gateway (TAG).

If the LSR is received electronically, the FOC is sent to the CLEC automatically through EDI or TAG. The CLEC also receives completion notices through EDI or TAG once the service orders are complete. EDI, TAG and Fax requests may not be combined on the same PON. If an LSR is originally submitted via EDI, then all SUPS for this PON must be sent through EDI.

For further information on EDI, refer to BellSouth Ordering Guide for CLECs, Section 6.2.1 on Electronic Data Interchange. (EDI)

6.2 System Interface Descriptions

Local Exchange Navigational System (LENS)

Step	Action
Description	Front-end GUI application which provides pre-ordering support for LNP orders using the Inquiry function.
Inputs	Customer address, customer information
Outputs	RSAG Address Validation Service availability for a particular NPA NXX Customer record information
Notes	LNP LSRs <u>can</u> not be submitted via LENS.

PON Order Status via the Web

Step	Action
Description	Supports on-line viewing of faxed LSR order status.
Inputs	Faxed LSRs
Outputs	CLEC-specific LSR status by PON
Notes	For faxed LSRs
Fax	

Step	Action
Description	Supports the transmission of manual CLEC orders.
Inputs	Paper LSR
Outputs	Clarifications; FOCs
Notes	Clarifications and FOCs for faxed LSRs are sent via fax. SUP LSRs for faxed LSRs must be submitted via fax. EDI, TAG and faxed requests may not be combined on the same PON.

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)

Step	Action
Description	Supports the CLEC transmission of orders to BellSouth, and the acknowledgment of receipt of orders to CLEC by BellSouth.
Inputs	Digital LSR
Outputs	Clarifications; Rejects, FOCs, Pending Order Statuses, Completion Notices

Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG)

Step	Action
Description	Supports the CLEC transmission of orders to BellSouth, and the acknowledgment of receipt of orders to CLEC by BellSouth. CLEC has access to ordering and pre-ordering functionality via TAG.
Inputs	Digital LSR
Outputs	Clarifications; Rejects, FOCs, Pending Order Statuses, Completion Notices

BellSouth LNP Gateway

Step	Action
Description	Supports both internal and external communications with various interfaces and processes, including NPAC (SOA & SMS), EDI, and TAG.
Inputs	· LNP LSRs, NPAC messages, EDI and TAG orders
Outputs	Rejects; Clarifications; FOCs NPAC concurrence messages Service orders to provisioning

NPAC

Step	Action
Description	NPAC is the third party organization that oversees the porting of telephone numbers for Local Number Portability.
Inputs	CLEC and BellSouth subscription versions.
Outputs	CLEC and BellSouth subscription versions.
Note:	Interface descriptions are specific to LNP orders only.

7. Frequently Asked Questions

7.1 General

1. 1. What should be done if it is determined that some numbers sent on an LSR are not to be ported?

A sup should be sent immediately to delete the telephone numbers from the NP or LSNP form if they are not porting. The account will not be disconnected until all telephone numbers on the NP or LSNP form have been ported.

2. 2. How is a CLEC LSR validated?

The validation process includes the following steps to ensure that the requested number(s) may be ported out.

Step	Action
1	Are the porting number(s) on the LSR working number(s) on the CSR (or customer is paying to reserve the numbers)? If yes, go to step 2. If no, go to step 7.
2	Does the end user name on the LSR match the listed name and/or billing name on the CSR? If yes, go to step 3. If no, go to step 7.
3	Are the telephone number(s) on the LSR associated with a line type that is portable? Refer to Local Number Portability Rules (Section 4.2 of this guide). If yes, go to step 4. If no, go to step 7.
4	Does the service address information on the LSR match the LA or SA on the CSR? If yes, go to step 6. If no, go to step 5. Note: If the line type on the existing end user service is FX/FCO, go to step 5.
5	Is the Toll Message Rate Center (TMRC) for the porting number(s) shown on the LSR the same as the TMRC for the address shown on the LSR? If yes, go to step 6. If no, go to step 7.
6	Is LNP available for the NPA NXX at this time? If yes, go to step 8. If no, go to step 7.
7	Send CLEC Clarification request and wait for receipt of SUP LSR.
8	Proceed with Service Order Issuance Process.

3. What CLEC actions would cause an LNP request to fall out of the order process at Bell-South?

Some reasons for an LSR to fall out of the order process are:

- CLEC sent a create SV before receiving an FOC. BellSouth will put SV in Conflict with NPAC

- CLEC sent a create on the wrong TN
- CLEC sent create with due date different than FOC due date
- CLEC sent create with time other than 00:00
- CLEC ported number before or after Due Date on the FOC

If the CLEC LSR has fallen out of the order process, BellSouth will not be able to automatically send Concur SV to the CLEC Create SV.

- 4. What CLEC actions should be taken if the end user is continuing to receive a bill from BST after the account is ported out?
- CLEC should verify that the activate SV has been sent on all telephone numbers provided on the LSR. If yes, refer the account to the LCSC for investigation. If no, send the activate SV to the NPAC.

7.2 Ordering Options

1. In what form should a CLEC expect to receive an FOC, Clarification, or Reject response?
 - If an order was sent via EDI, the response will be sent via EDI.
 - If an order was sent via TAG, the response will be sent via TAG
 - If an order was sent via fax, the response will be sent via fax.

2. Why can't the status of an LSR submitted via EDI be viewed in the PON Status Reports which are available on-line?

The PON Status Reports are for orders which were submitted via fax. Status for orders submitted via EDI/TAG are received via EDI/TAG.

7.3 LSR Error Notices

1. What types of errors would require clarification?

Some examples of errors for which BellSouth will request clarification:

- Some numbers on an account are being ported, but information/instruction has not been provided on ALL numbers listed on the account (i.e., Ringmaster; Surrogate Client MemoryCall; Flexible Call Forwarding Dial Around (FCPAN))
- REF NUM are duplicated on the LSR
- LSR does not contain the minimum required fields
- Duplicate PON
- Data was entered into a prohibited field
- Busy cable & pair
- Incorrect address
- End user & central office are not in same wire center (may be wrong ACTL)
- Invalid ACT
- Invalid Q-account

- TN listed is not a working BellSouth TN
 - Listing 2 numbers to port from two different CSRs on one LSR
2. Why would the CLEC receive error reports from SCC, Manager of the E911 database?
If the CLEC sends the Migrate message to the SCC to lock E911 prior to SCC receiving BellSouth's Unlock message, the CLEC Migrate message will be placed on an error report (755) which is distributed daily to CLECs from SCC. SCC will mechanically process the Migrate/Unlock record match for 7 days for all 755 error messages. After 7 days the record will move to a 760 error file. SCC will manually continue to look for the record match there. CLEC should be sure that the Activate SV has been sent to NPAC for the Migrate messages which appear on the 755 or 760 error reports.

7.4 Due Dates

1. What are the key steps to changing the Due Date for a previously submitted LNP LSR?
The most important part of a Due Date change is submitting a SUP LSR to the BellSouth LCSC and receipt of a revised FOC prior to sending the Modify SV to NPAC. If the Modify SV is sent to NPAC prior to receipt of the revised FOC from BellSouth, the LSR will fall out of the order process at BellSouth. Due Date changes should be requested prior to the due date and not later than the due date originally stated.
2. Why does the FOC have a Due Date which is different than the Desired Due Date?
If the Desired Due Date on the original LSR did not adhere to BellSouth Standard Intervals for LNP orders, then the Due Date on the FOC would reflect the appropriate interval. Refer to BellSouth Standard Interval Guide for more details.
3. Why does the CLEC have to send the Activate SV on the Due Date?
If the CLEC sends the Activate SV before or after the Due Date on the FOC, end user service could be impacted.

7.5 NPAC Communication

1. What does it mean when a CLEC receives an SV with Authorization set to NO (Conflict) from NPAC?
This SV indicates that the CLEC sent a Create SV to NPAC prior to receipt of an FOC for the TN. CLEC should check for receipt of an FOC for the TN.
2. Why can't the CLEC send the Create SV to NPAC prior to receiving an FOC from BellSouth?
If the CLEC sends the Create SV to NPAC prior to receiving an FOC from BellSouth, BellSouth will send SV with Authorization set to NO (Conflict) to NPAC. CLEC should follow industry flow for successful porting.
3. How does CLEC know BellSouth is ready to port number?
CLEC should complete the following steps at least the day before the due date:
 - verify FOC was received
 - verify FOC due date
 - verify SV is Pending with Concurrence for all TNs on LSR

- verify SV due date is same as FOC due date for all TNs on LSR
- 4. What happens if the NPAC telephone number disconnect option is used after sending the activate (number ported) message?
The telephone number and not the end user is returned to BellSouth. The CLEC must arrange to provide service for the end user because upon receipt of the Activate SV, BST will proceed with the disconnect order

8. LNP Ordering Checklist

8.1 LNP Ordering Checklist

1. Pre- Submission: The LSR Form for LNP

Has the pre-order information been validated? CLECs may access pre-order support using a web browser and the LENS interface. Use the Inquiry function to confirm the accuracy of the following information:

- TNs on LSR match TNs on CSR
 - LSR address is RSAG valid
2. Have you included/checked the following items:
 - Previously unassigned PON on LSR
 - Unique REF NUMs on all associated forms for LSR
 - Minimum required fields are complete
 3. Is there a Q-account for each OCN registered at the NPAC and stated on the LSR in the CC field?
 4. Were BellSouth Standard Due Date Intervals followed when assigning the Desired Due Date? (Refer to BellSouth Products and Services Interval Guide.)
 5. **NPAC Communication**
Do not send NPAC messages (e.g., Create or Modify) prior to receipt of FOC. (For original LSR or SUP LSR)
 6. The Create SV should be sent immediately upon receipt of FOC by the CLEC for all TNs on the LSR.
 7. Does the Due Date on Create message must match Due Date on FOC sent by BST?
 8. For any change in the Due Date to port numbers, a SUP LSR must be sent to BellSouth LCSC prior to sending a Modify message to NPAC. Any other changes, such as Cancellations, also require a SUP LSR.
 9. Does the Due Time have setting of 00:00?
 10. **E911 Lockdown**

The Migrate message to lock records at an E911 SCC should be sent after the Activate message is sent to NPAC.

Note: This list is not all inclusive, but highlights the actions which would most contribute to the submission of a valid LSR.

9. Glossary of LNP Terms

9.1 Glossary of LNP Terms

Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN)	Evolving, service-independent network architecture that provides important new capabilities for rapid creation of customized telecommunications services. AIN offers one way for a network element to query a central database to obtain local number portability routing information.
BST	Acronym used to indicate BellSouth.
Central Office (CO)	An environmentally controlled space in which a telecommunications network switching system and other associated operating systems are installed.
Central Office Exchange (CENTREX)	A telephone service offered by LSPs that provides the end-user with advanced features and services from the LSPs EO
Clarification	Requested by BellSouth LCSC when an CLEC LSR contains incomplete or inaccurate information which requires further documentation from the CLEC to allow order processing to continue.
Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC)	A new entrant into a market where there is already an incumbent LEC (ILEC) providing local phone service.
Conflict	An SV status which indicates that an error has occurred in the ordering process which will require further CLEC action for BellSouth to resume order processing. For example, BST will place SV in conflict if CLEC sends a Create SV before an FOC has been issued.
Directory Number (DN)	An end-user's telephone number, also known as a TN. In its most restrictive definition, an end-user number which is listed in a directory or with directory assistance.
Donor Switch	Switch/Office/Exchange Refers to the local switch from which an end-user was served, prior to changing SPs.

End Office (EO)	A switching system used to provide local service for a local telephone company; also known as a central office. End offices are typically equipped with both line and trunk terminations.
Fall-Out	Human eyes are needed to review the order, e.g. with a partial migration.
Fatal Reject	A type of error which suggests that the minimal requirements of an LSR were not fulfilled. For example, a missing required field or a duplicate PON. A Fatal Reject will not allow the CLEC order to be processed further by the BellSouth LCSC.
Federal Communications Commission (FCC)	Congressionally credited governmental agency with the responsibility to direct the U.S. national and international telecommunications regulatory environment.
Firm Order Confirmation (FOC)	Verification/acknowledgment from one SP to another of receipt of a valid Local Service Request (LSR)
Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier (ILEC)	Typically, the RBOC or independent who services local end-users (prior to a market opening up to local competition)
Intelligent Network (IN)	Hardware and software platform used to provide enhanced voice, video and data services. IN offers one way for a network element to query a central database to obtain local number portability routing information.
Inter-Exchange Carrier (IXC)	A carrier that provides connections between LATAs, between serving areas, and between LATAs and serving areas where the calling or called end-user is located in the United States.
Interim Number Portability (INP)	A temporary solution for porting telephone numbers that routes calls to the CLEC wire center using: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Remote Call Forwarding (RCF)• Direct Inward Dialing (DID)• Route Index Hubbing (RTI)
Local Exchange Carrier (LEC)	A company that provides local telephone service. LECs also include independent local telephone companies.

Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG)	Bellcore administered Network Routing and V&H Coordinate information for U.S. Telecommunications Industry and others.
Local Number Portability (LNP)	Provides end users with the ability to retain their numbers when they change their local service provider.
Local Number Portability Gateway (LNP GW)	A BellSouth System created to support LNP that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • includes desktop application for LCSC Service Representatives. • is used to process LNP LSR's on-line. • communicates with the NPAC. • interfaces with the AIN database to update call routing information.
Local Service Management System (LSMS)	The LSP owned network database which holds downloaded ported number information.
Local Service Provider (LSP)	A company that provides basic local telephone service.
Location Routing Number (LRN)	A routing code that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • unique • 10 digits • identifies the switch in which a ported number resides. LRN utilizes AIN triggers, SS7 signaling, and unique 10-digit code for switch identification.
Lockheed-Martin IMS (LM-IMS)	The neutral third-party administrator for the LNP database NPAC.
New Service Provider (NSP)	Subscribers selection of exchange carrier that will be providing dial tone. This will usually be the exchange carrier that is not the default SP for the NPA NXX. This would be the recipient switch for the porting of a number when the end-user is being ported. When the end-user is changing from ported to non-porting the NSP would be the donor switch.
Non-Portable Number	Numbers are those that have not been designated as ported exchanges or portable capabilities in the LERG.
North American Numbering Council (NANC)	FCC -mandated task force assigned to oversee NPAC and NANP administration for the U.S. telecommunications industry.

North American Numbering Plan (NANP)	A plan for the allocation of unique 10 digit address numbers. The numbers consist of a 3 digit area (numbering plan area) code, a 3 digit office code, and a 4 digit line number. The plan also extends to format variations (e.g., 3 digit and 7 digit address), prefixes (e.g., 1. 0. 01 and 01!), and special code applications (e.g., Service Access Codes).
Number Portability Administration Center (NPAC)	A neutral third party vendor contracted by BellSouth and the CLEC's to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• maintain the master database for LNP.• coordinate the flow of information between service providers.
Numbering Plan Area (NPA)	A defined geographic area identified by a unique three digit code used in the North American Numbering Plan Area.
NXX	End Office Code A three digit code used to identify a central office exchange. However, in a portable environment the last 4 digits or the 7-digit telephone number may not always reside in the central office exchange to which the NXX was natively assigned.
Plain Old Telephone Service (POTS)	Basic residence or business telephone service which provides users with simple telephone features or service.
Port In	A term used with Local Number Portability to indicate that a customer is changing his facility based local service provider from a CLEC to BellSouth and wishes to keep his same telephone number.
Port Out	A term used with Local Number Portability to indicate that a BellSouth customer is taking his telephone number with him to another facility based local service provider.
Portability	The ability of the user to change local telephone companies, location and/or service without changing the telephone number.

Portable Number	Those numbers within an exchange that have portable capabilities and are assigned to a designated portable exchange. These are the numbers that are assigned to the designated default switch and have not been ported to another LSP. These numbers are commonly identified as working on the "Donor" switch. Portable numbers are all numbers in an NXX where portability is allowed. Numbers will be declared portable on an NXX basis.
Ported Number	Those that have been assigned to other LSPs providing recipient switch access for Portable exchanges. This is commonly termed as the numbers assigned to the "Recipient" switches. The "Recipient" switch is not the default switch in the SCP. Ported numbers are the subset of portable numbers that have actually been moved from the LERG based switch (donor) to another switch (recipient).
Private Branch Exchange (PBX)	System typically installed in a business that serves as the central telephone system for that business and which may provide certain enhanced services for that business.
Recipient Switch	Switch/Office/Exchange — Refers to local end office switch to which an end-user is served, after changing SPs.
Remote Call Forwarding (RCF)	LNP deployment model generally viewed as an interim solution. For customers changing their local telephone company and wanting to keep their phone number, routes all incoming calls to the old company switch first. Then the calls are forwarded to a new phone
SCC	Neutral third party responsible for the E911 database administration. (SCC is not an abbreviation.)
Service Management System (SMS)	Computer facility permitting access to records contained in the number portability database. Receives Number Ported messages from NPAC.
Service Order Administration (SOA)	Interface to the NPAC for porting end-user TNs. Receives create and sends concurrence SVs.
Service Provider (SP)	A company that provides telephone service.
Subscription Version (SV)	A message that flows through the NPAC to provide information regarding LNP.

Telecommunications Access Gateway
(TAG)

TAG is a transaction based messaging system with data translation. TAG provides a bi-directional flow of information between the CLEC and BellSouth, and gives the CLEC access to pre-ordering and ordering functionality.

Toll Message Rate Center (TMRC)

A uniquely defined geographic area:

- created to allow for the proper rating of toll and message charges.
- appears in LERG for a wire center/switch.

Trigger Order

6-Digit Trigger – identifies NPA XXX that is portable and causes querying. 10-Digit Trigger – end-users' telephone number. This trigger causes look up process so when the 10-digit trigger is dialed the call is routed through AIN to the SS7 database.

Note: "Trigger" is not available for all service types.

BELLSOUTH/ATT RATES
SERVICE PROVIDER
NUMBER PORTABILITY

DESCRIPTION	USOC	SC
INTERIM SERVICE PROVIDER NUMBER PORTABILITY - RCF (1) (2)		
RCF, per number ported (Business Line), 10 paths	TNPBL	NA
RCF, per number ported (Residence Line), 6 paths	TNPRL	NA
RCF, per number ported (Business Line)	TNPBL	\$2117
NRG - Electronic	TNPBL	\$0.7046
NRG - Disconnect Charge	TNPBL	NA
RCF, per number ported (Residence Line)	TNPRL	\$2.17
NRG	TNPRL	\$0.7046
NRG - Disconnect Charge	TNPRL	NA
RCF, add'l capacity for simultaneous call forwarding, per additional path	N/A	\$0.3854
RCF, per service order, per location	(***) Bus = TNPBD Res = TNPBD	
NRG - 1st	TNP++	\$1.37
NRG - Add'l	TNP++	\$1.37
NRG - Disconnect - 1st	TNP++	NA
NRG - Disconnect - Add'l	TNP++	NA
NRG - Incremental Charge - Manual Service Order - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Incremental Charge - Manual Service Order - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Incremental Charge - Disconnected - 1st	SOMAN	\$44.70
NRG - Incremental Charge - Manual Service Order - Disconnected - Add'l	SOMAN	\$44.70
INTERIM SERVICE PROVIDER NUMBER PORTABILITY - DID		
DID per number ported, Residence - NRC	TNPDR	\$2.26
DID per number ported, Residence - NRC - Disconnect	TNPDR	NA
DID per number ported, Business - NRC	TNPDB	\$2.26
DID per number ported, Business - NRC - Disconnect	TNPDB	NA
DID per service order, per location		
NRG - 1st	TNPDR	\$1.37
NRG - Add'l	TNPDR	\$1.37
NRG - Disconnect - 1st	TNPDR	\$44.70
NRG - Disconnect - Add'l	TNPDR	\$44.70
NRG - Incremental Charge - Manual Service Order - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Incremental Charge - Manual Service Order - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Incremental Charge - Disconnected - 1st	SOMAN	NA
NRG - Incremental Charge - Manual Service Order - Disconnected - Add'l	SOMAN	NA
DID, per trunk termination, Initial	TNP2	\$13.16
DID, per trunk termination, Initial - NRC	TNP2	\$218.03
DID, per trunk termination, Initial - Disconnect	TNP2	NA
DID, per trunk termination, Subsequent	TNP2	\$13.16
DID, per trunk termination, Subsequent - NRC	TNP2	\$73.63
DID, per trunk termination, Subsequent - Disconnect	TNP2	NA

NOTES:

If no rate is identified in the contract, the rate for the specific service or function will be as set forth in applicable BellSouth tariff or as negotiated by the Parties upon request by either Party.

- 1 Until the FCC issues its order implementing a cost recovery mechanism for permanent number portability, the Company will track its costs of providing interim SPNP with sufficient detail to verify the costs. This will facilitate the Florida PSCs consider the costs.
- 2 BellSouth and CLEC will each bear their own costs of providing remote call forwarding as an interim number portability option. (KY)

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CONNECTIVITY BILLING AND RECORDING

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 This Section describes the requirements for BellSouth to bill and record all charges AT&T incurs for purchasing: (a) telecommunications services that BellSouth currently provides, or may offer hereafter for resale; (b) interconnection of BellSouth's network to AT&T's network; (c) certain unbundled Network Elements and certain combinations of such unbundled Network Elements (Network Elements and Combinations) (resale, interconnection, Network Elements and Combinations shall collectively be referred to as "Billed Services"); and to provide Meet Point Billing and Mutual Compensation.
- 1.1.2 After receiving certification as a local exchange company from the appropriate regulatory agency, AT&T will provide the appropriate BellSouth service center the necessary documentation in order for BellSouth to establish service for AT&T.
- 1.1.3 Prior to submitting orders to BellSouth for local service, a master account must be established for AT&T. AT&T is required to provide the following before a master account is established: proof of PSC/PUC certification, the Application for Master Account, an Operating Company Number ("OCN") assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association ("NECA") and a tax exemption certificate, if applicable.
- 1.1.4 Payment of all charges will be the responsibility of AT&T. AT&T shall make payment to BellSouth for all services billed. BellSouth is not responsible for payments not received by AT&T from AT&T's end user. BellSouth will not become involved in billing disputes that may arise between AT&T and its end user. Payments made to BellSouth as payment on account will be credited to an accounts receivable master account and not to an end user's account.
- 1.1.5 Upon proof of tax exempt certification from AT&T, the total amount billed to AT&T will not include any taxes due from the end user to reflect the tax exempt certification and local tax laws. AT&T will be solely responsible for the computation, tracking, reporting, and payment of taxes applicable to AT&T's end user.
- 1.1.6 BellSouth will not perform billing and collection services for AT&T as a result of the execution of this Agreement. All requests for billing services should be referred to the appropriate entity or operational group within BellSouth.

1.2 Billable Information and Charges

- 1.2.1 BellSouth will bill and record in accordance with this Agreement those charges AT&T incurs as a result of AT&T's purchasing Billed Services from BellSouth. BellSouth will bill charges for Billed Services through Carriers Access Billing System ("CABS") or in the CABS format. BellSouth will format all bills in CBO\$ Standard or CRIS/CLUB format, depending on the type of service ordered, and will include sufficient bill detail to identify the particular services ordered. For those Billed Services where standards have not yet been developed, BellSouth's billing format will change as necessary when standards are finalized by the industry forum.
- 1.2.2 BellSouth shall provide AT&T a monthly bill that includes all charges incurred by and credits and/or adjustments due to AT&T for those Billed Services ordered, established, utilized, discontinued or performed pursuant to this Agreement. Each bill provided by BellSouth to AT&T shall include: (1) all non-usage sensitive charges incurred for the period beginning with the day after the current bill date and extending to, and including, the next bill date; (2) any known unbilled non-usage sensitive charges for prior periods; (3) unbilled usage sensitive charges for the period beginning with the last bill date and extending through the current bill date, except for detail usage for resold services which could extend beyond the current bill date, which are: per use vertical services, directory services, operator charges, IntraLATA toll and optional calling plans, excluding Watsaver® Service; (4) any known unbilled usage sensitive charges for prior periods; and (5) any known unbilled adjustments. Each bill shall set forth the quantity and description of each such Billed Services billed to AT&T. All charges billed to AT&T must indicate the state from which such charges were incurred except in cross boundary state situations. A listing of cross boundary exchanges has been provided to AT&T.
- 1.2.3 The Bill Date, as defined herein, must be present on each bill transmitted by BellSouth to AT&T and must be a valid calendar date. Bills should not be rendered for any charges which are incurred under this agreement on or before one (1) year proceeding the bill date. However, both parties recognize that situations exist which would necessitate billing beyond the one (1) year limit, as permitted by law. These exceptions are:
- 1.2.3.1 Charges connected with jointly provided services whereby meet point billing guidelines require either party to rely on records provided by a third party;
- 1.2.3.2 Charges incorrectly billed due to error in or omission of customer provided data such as PIU and PLU factors, or other ordering data.

- 1.2.3.3 Both parties agree that these limits will be superceded by any Bill Accuracy Certification Agreement which might be negotiated between the parties.
- 1.2.4 Charges for Billed Services shall be in conversation seconds for those services that are billed based on conversation time. For resold services, charges will be billed in accordance with retail billing standards. For other than resold services, the total seconds per chargeable rate element per end office will be totaled and rounded to the nearest whole minute. The incremental seconds per chargeable rate element per end office will be totaled and rounded to the next whole minute. Self reporting factors such as PLU and PIU will be used to determine jurisdiction of unidentifiable traffic.
- 1.2.5 Billing Account Numbers ("BANS") will be established in accordance with BellSouth billing policy and OBF standards. The BellSouth billing policy in effect at the time this Agreement is signed will govern the billing account structure during the term of this Agreement. BellSouth will provide such policy to AT&T at such time. Changes to the BellSouth billing policy will be co-ordinated with AT&T and the AT&T Account Team to ensure that AT&T will not be adversely impacted by such changes. AT&T may request that certain categories of charges be included in separate bills which are to be sent to different billing addresses. AT&T will submit such request through the Bona Fide Request/New Business Request ("BFR/NBR") process set forth in Attachment 10 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 1.2.6 Each Party shall provide the other Party, at no additional charge, a contact person for the handling of any billing questions or problems that may arise during the implementation and performance of the terms and conditions of this Attachment 6. Billing questions subsequent to implementation will be directed to the appropriate BellSouth billing specialist.
- 1.3 Meet Point Billing**
- 1.3.1 Where appropriate, AT&T and BellSouth will establish meet-point billing ("MPB") arrangements in accordance with the Meet-Point Billing guidelines adopted by and contained in the OBF's MECAB and MECOD documents, except as modified herein. Both Parties will individually and collectively maintain provisions in their respective federal and state access tariffs, and/or provisions within the National Exchange Carrier Association ("NECA") Tariff No. 4, or any successor tariff to reflect the MPB arrangements identified in this Agreement, in MECAB and in MECOD.

- 1.3.2 AT&T and BellSouth will implement the "Multiple Bill/Multiple Tariff" option in order to bill any interexchange carrier ("IXC") for that portion of the jointly provided switched exchange access service provided by AT&T or BellSouth.
- 1.3.3 BellSouth shall provide to AT&T the billing name, billing address, and carrier identification code ("CIC") of the IXCs that may utilize any portion of AT&T's network in an AT&T/BellSouth MPB arrangement in order to comply with the MPB Notification process as outlined in the MECAB document. Such information shall be provided to AT&T in the format and via the medium that the Parties agree. If BellSouth does not have a CIC for any IXC that will utilize a portion of AT&T's network in an AT&T/BellSouth MPB arrangement, and for whom BellSouth must supply to AT&T MPB billing information, BellSouth agrees that it will assist such carrier in obtaining a CIC expeditiously. Until such carrier has obtained a CIC, BellSouth will submit BellSouth's CIC on those MPB records provided to AT&T for MPB. BellSouth understands and agrees that it will be solely responsible for obtaining any reimbursements from those carriers who have utilized the jointly provided networks of BellSouth and AT&T.
- 1.3.4 BellSouth and AT&T agree that in an MPB arrangement where one Party provides local transport and the other Party provides the end office switching, the Party who provides the end office switching is entitled to bill any residual interconnection charges ("RIC") and common carrier line ("CCL") charges associated with the traffic. The Parties further agree that in those MPB situations where one Party sub-tends the other Party's access tandem, the Party providing the access tandem is only entitled to bill the access tandem fee and any associated local transport charges. The Parties also agree that the Party who provides the end office switching is entitled to bill end office switching fees, local transport charges, RIC and CCL charges, as appropriate, and such other applicable charges. BellSouth and AT&T agree that in a MPB arrangement, where transport is jointly provided, and/or the tandem is owned by one Party and the end office is owned by the other Party, charges will be billed using tariff rates and in accordance to MECAB guidelines.
- 1.3.5 BellSouth and AT&T will record and transmit switched exchange access service records in accordance with the MECAB standards. Such data shall be transmitted to the other Party within ten (10) days of its recording. BellSouth and AT&T will coordinate and exchange the billing account reference ("BAR") and billing account cross reference ("BACR") numbers or Operating Company Number ("OCN"), as appropriate, for the MPB arrangements described in this Agreement. Each Party will notify the other if the level of billing or other BAR/BACR elements change, resulting in a new BAR/BACR number.

- 1.3.6 If MPB data is not processed and delivered by either BellSouth or AT&T and sent to the other Party within ten (10) days of their recording and in turn such Party is unable to bill the IXC for the appropriate charges, the Party who failed to deliver the data will be held liable for the amount of the unbillable charges.
- 1.3.7 If MPB data is not submitted within ten (10) days of their recording or is not in the proper format as set forth in this Agreement, and if as a result the other Party is delayed in billing the IXC for the appropriate charges it incurs, the delaying Party shall pay the other Party a late MPB data delivery charge which will be the total amount of the delayed charges times the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be levied by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the date the MPB charges should have been received to and including the date the MPB charge information is actually received.
- 1.3.8 Errors in MPB data exchanged by the Parties may be discovered by AT&T, BellSouth or the billable IXC. Both AT&T and BellSouth agree to provide the other Party with notification of any discovered errors within two (2) business days of the discovery. The other Party shall correct the error within eight (8) business days of notification and resubmit the data. In the event the errors cannot be corrected within the time period specified above, the erroneous data shall be considered lost. If MPB data is lost due to incorrigible errors or otherwise, the Parties shall follow the procedures set forth in Section 1.15 of this Attachment 6.
- 1.3.9 Both Parties will provide the other a single point of contact to handle any MPB questions.
- 1.3.10 MPB will apply for all traffic bearing the 500, 700, 900, 8YY or any other non-geographic NPA which may be likewise designated for such traffic in the future.

1.4 Collocation

- 1.4.1 When AT&T collocates with BellSouth in BellSouth's facility as described in this Agreement, capital expenditures (e.g., costs associated with building the "cage"), shall not be included in the bill provided to AT&T pursuant to this Attachment 6. All such capital expenses shall be given a unique BAN and invoice number. All invoices for capital expenses shall be sent to the location specified by AT&T for payment. All other non-capital recurring collocation expenses shall be billed to AT&T in accordance with this Agreement. The CABS Billing Output Specifications ("BOS") documents provide the guidelines on how to bill the charges associated with collocation.

The bill label for those collocation charges shall be entitled "Expanded Interconnection Service." For those nonmechanized bills, the bill label for non-capital recurring collocation expenses shall be entitled "Collocation".

1.5 Right-of-Way

- 1.5.1 Billing for right-of-way, poles and conduits will be addressed in Attachment 8 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

1.6 Information Services

- 1.6.1 The transport for 976 and other information services calls will be billed in accordance with the reciprocal compensation arrangement described in Section 3.3 of Attachment 3 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

1.7 Local Number Portability

- 1.7.1 When an IXC terminates an interLATA or intraLATA toll call to an AT&T local exchange customer whose telephone number has been ported from BellSouth, the Parties agree that AT&T shall receive those IXC access charges associated with end office switching, local transport, RIC and CCL, as appropriate. BellSouth shall receive any access tandem fees, dedicated and common transport charges, to the extent provided by BellSouth, and any Service Provider Number Portability ("SPNP") fees (i.e., such as RCF charges) set forth in this Agreement. When a call for which access charges are not applicable is terminated to an AT&T local exchange customer whose telephone number has been ported from BellSouth, and is terminated on AT&T's own switch, the Parties agree that the mutual compensation arrangements described in this Agreement shall apply.

1.8 Issuance of Bills - General

- 1.8.1 BellSouth and AT&T will issue all bills in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Section. BellSouth and AT&T will establish monthly billing dates ("Bill Date") for each Billing Account Number ("BAN"). Each BAN shall remain constant from month to month, unless changed as agreed to by the Parties. Each Party shall provide the other Party at least thirty (30) calendar days written notice prior to changing, adding or deleting a BAN. The Parties will provide one billing invoice associated with each BAN. Each invoice must contain an invoice number (which will vary from month to month). The bill date is the only varying invoice number available on the Resale bill. On each bill associated with a BAN, the appropriate invoice number and the charges contained on such invoice must be reflected. All bills must be received by the other Party no later than ten (10) calendar

days from Bill Date and at least twenty (20) calendar days prior to the payment due date, whichever is earlier. Any bill received on a Saturday, Sunday or a day designated as a holiday by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York (or such other bank as AT&T shall specify) will be deemed received the next business day. If either Party fails to receive billing data and information within the time period specified above, the payment due date will be extended by the number of days the bill is late.

- 1.8.2 BellSouth and AT&T shall issue all CABS bills or bills in CBOS format containing such billing data and information in accordance with the most current version of CBOS, or if development time is required, within two (2) versions of the current CBOS standard. To the extent that there are no CBOS or MECAB standards governing the formatting of certain data, such data shall be issued in the format as mutually agreed upon by the parties.
- 1.8.3 Within thirty (30) days of finalizing the chosen billing media, each Party will provide the other Party written notice of which bills are to be deemed the official bills to assist the Parties in resolving any conflicts that may arise between the official bills and other bills received via a different media which purportedly contain the same charges as are on the official bill. If either Party requests an additional copy(ies) of a bill, such Party shall pay the other Party a reasonable fee per additional bill copy, unless such copy was requested due to errors, omissions, or corrections or the failure of the transmission to comply with the specifications set forth in this Agreement.
- 1.8.4 When sending bills via electronic transmission, to avoid transmission failures or the receipt of billing information that cannot be processed, the Parties shall provide each other with their respective process specifications. Each Party shall comply with the mutually acceptable billing processing specifications of the other. AT&T and BellSouth shall provide each other reasonable notice if a billing transmission is received that does not meet such Party's specifications or that such Party cannot process. Such transmission shall be corrected and resubmitted to the other Party, at the resubmitting Party's sole expense, in a form that can be processed. The payment due date for such resubmitted transmissions will be twenty (20) days from the date that the transmission is received in a form that can be processed and that meets the specifications set forth in this Attachment 6.

1.9 Electronic Transmissions

- 1.9.1 BellSouth and AT&T agree that each Party will transmit billing information and data in the appropriate CABS format electronically via CONNECT:Direct to the other Party at the location specified by such

Party. The Parties agree that a T1.5 or 56kb circuit to Gateway for CONNECT:Direct is required. AT&T data centers will be responsible for originating the calls for data transmission via switched 56kb or T1.5 lines. If BellSouth has an established CONNECT:Direct link with AT&T, that link can be used for data transmission if the location and applications are the same for the existing link. Otherwise, a new link for data transmission must be established. BellSouth must provide AT&T/Alpharetta its CONNECT:Direct Node ID and corresponding VTAM APPL ID before the first transmission of data via CONNECT:Direct. AT&T's CONNECT:Direct Node ID is "NDMATTA4" and VTAM APPL ID is "NDMATTA4" and must be included in BellSouth's CONNECT:Direct software. AT&T will supply to BellSouth its RACF ID and password before the first transmission of data via CONNECT:Direct. Any changes to either Party's CONNECT:Direct Node ID must be sent to the other Party no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days before the changes take effect.

- 1.9.2 The following dataset format shall be used as applicable for those charges transmitted via CONNECT:Direct in CABS format:

Production Dataset

AF25.AXXXXYYY.AZZZ.DDDEE	Production Dataset Name
AF25 =	Job Naming Convention
XXXX =	Numeric Company Code
YYY =	LEC Remote
AZZZ =	RAO (Revenue Accounting Office)
DDD =	BDT (Billing Data Tape with or without CSR), MEGA, JBILL, TCGXX (XX=Bill Period), or CSR (Customer Service Record)
EE =	01 thru 31 (Bill Period) (optional) or GA (US Postal-State Code)

Test Dataset

AF25.ATEST.AXXXX.DDD	Test Dataset Name
AF25.ATEST =	Job Naming Convention
XXXX =	Numeric Company Code
DDD =	BDT (Billing Data Tape with or without CSR) or CSR (Customer Service Record)

1.10 Tape or Paper Transmissions

- 1.10.1 In the event either Party does not temporarily have the ability to send or receive data via CONNECT:Direct, that Party will transmit billing information to the other party via magnetic tape or paper, as agreed to by AT&T and BellSouth. Billing information and data contained on magnetic tapes or paper for payment shall be sent to the Parties at the following locations. The Parties acknowledge that all tapes transmitted to the other Party via U.S. Mail or Overnight Delivery and which contain billing data will not be returned to the sending Party.

TO AT&T:

Tape Transmissions via U.S. Mail:	AT&T Attention: Bill Access Coordinator 300 North Point Parkway FLOC 144C09 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005
Tape Transmissions via Overnight Delivery:	AT&T Attention: Bill Access Coordinator 500 North Point Parkway FLOC 144C09 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

Paper Transmissions via U.S. Mail:	AT&T Attention: Bill Access Coordinator Caller Service 6908 Alpharetta, Georgia 30009
Paper Transmissions via Overnight Delivery:	AT&T Attention: Bill Access Coordinator 500 North Point Parkway FLOC B1404 Alpharetta, Georgia 30005

TO BellSouth:

Tape Transmissions:	BellSouth 600 N. 19th Street 7th Floor Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: Interconnection Purchasing Center
Paper Transmissions:	BellSouth 600 N. 19th Street 7th Floor Birmingham, Alabama 35203 Attn: Interconnection Purchasing Center

- 1.10.2 Each Party will adhere to the tape packaging requirements set forth in this subsection. Where magnetic tape shipping containers are transported in freight compartments, adequate magnetic field protection shall be provided by keeping a typical 6-inch distance from any magnetic field generating device (except a magnetron-tape device). The Parties agree that they will only use those shipping containers that contain internal insulation to prevent damage. Each Party will clearly mark on the outside of each shipping container its name, contact and return address. Each Party further agrees that it will not ship any billing tapes in tape canisters.
- 1.10.3 All billing data transmitted via tape must be provided on a cartridge (cassette) tape and must be of high quality, conform to the Parties' record and label standards, 9-track, odd parity, 6250 BPI, group coded recording mode and extended binary-coded decimal interchange code ("EBCDIC"). Each reel of tape must be 100% tested at 20% or better "clipping" level with full width certification and permanent error free at final inspection. AT&T reserves the right to destroy a tape that has been determined to have unrecoverable errors. AT&T also reserves the right to replace a tape with one of equal or better quality.
- 1.10.4 Billing data tapes shall follow CBOS standards.
- 1.10.5 A single 6-digit serial number must appear on the external (flat) surface of the tape for visual identification. This number shall also appear in the "dataset serial number field" of the first header record of the IBM standard tape label. This serial number shall consist of the character "V" followed by the reporting location's four digit Originating Company Code and a numeric character chosen by the sending company. The external and internal label shall be the same. The dataset name shall appear on the flat side of the reel and also in the "data set name field" on the first header record of the IBM standard tape label. BellSouth's name, address, and contact shall appear on the flat side of the cartridge or reel.
- 1.10.6 Tape labels shall conform to IBM OS/VS Operating System Standards contained in the IBM Standard Labels Manual (GC26-3795-3). IBM standard labels are 80-character records recorded in EBCDIC, odd parity. The first four characters identify the labels:

Volume 1	Volume label
HDR1 and HDR2	Data set header labels
EOV1 and EOV2	Data set trailer labels (end-of-volume for multi-reel files)
EOF1 and EOF2	Data set trailer labels (end-of-data-set)

The HDR1, EOV1, and EOF1 labels use the same format and the HDR2, EOV2, and EOF2 labels use the same format.

1.10.7 The Standard Volume Label Format (Vol. 1) is described below:

FIELD NAME	CONTENTS
Label Identifier (3 bytes)	The characters "VOL" identify this label as a volume label.
Label Number (1 byte)	The relative position of this label within a set of labels of the same type; it is always a 1 for the IBM standard volume label.
Volume Serial Number (6 bytes)	A unique identification code, normally numeric characters (000001-999999), but may be alpha-numeric; if fewer than 6 characters, must be left-justified. This same code should also appear on the external (flat) surface of the volume for visual identification.
Reserved (1 byte)	Reserved for future use - should be recorded as blanks.
VTOC Pointer (10 bytes)	Direct-access volumes only. This field is not used for tape volumes and should be recorded as blanks.
Reserved (10 bytes)	Reserved for future use - should be recorded as blanks.
Owner Name and Address Code (10 bytes)	Indicates a specific customer, person, installation, department, etc., to which the volume belongs. Any code or name is acceptable.
Reserved (29 bytes)	Reserved for future use - should be recorded as blanks.

1.10.8 The IBM Standard Dataset Label 1 Format (HDR1, EOV1, EOF1) is described below:

FIELD NAME	CONTENTS
Label Identifier (3 bytes)	Three characters that identify the label are: HDR Header label (at the beginning of a dataset) EOV Trailer label (at the end of a tape volume, when the dataset continues on another volume) EOF Trailer label (at the end of a dataset).
Label Number (1 byte)	The relative position of this label within a set of labels of the same type; it is always a 1 for dataset label 1.
Dataset Identifier (17 bytes)	The rightmost 17 bytes of the dataset name (includes GnnnnVnn if the dataset is part of a generation data group). If the dataset name is less than 17 bytes, it is left-justified and the remainder of this field is padded with blanks.

FIELD NAME	CONTENTS
Dataset Serial Number (6 bytes)	The volume serial number of the tape volume containing the dataset. For multi-volume datasets, this field contains the serial number of the first volume of the aggregate created at the same time. The serial number can be any 6 alphanumeric characters, normally numeric (000001-999999). If the number of characters is fewer than 6 characters, the code must be left-justified and followed by blanks.
Volume Sequence Number (4 bytes)	A number (0001-9999) that indicates the order of volume within the multi-volume group created at the same time. This number is always 0001 for a single volume dataset.
Dataset Sequence Number (4 bytes)	A number (0001-9999) that indicates the relative position of the dataset within a multi-dataset group. This number is always 0001 for a single dataset organization.
Generation Number (4 bytes)	If the dataset is part of a generation data group, this field contains a number from 0001 to 9999 indicating the absolute generation number (the first generation is recorded as 0001). If the dataset is not part of a generation data group, this field contains blanks.
Version Number Of Generation (2 bytes)	If the dataset is part of a generation data group, this field a number from 00 to 99 indicating the version number of the generation (the first version is recorded as 00). If the dataset is not part of a generation data group, this field contains blanks.
Creation Date (6 bytes)	Year and day of the year when the dataset was created. The date is shown in the format byydd where: b = blank yy = year(00-99) ddd = day(001-366)
Expiration Date (6 bytes)	Year and day of the year when the dataset may be scratched or overwritten. The data is shown in the format byydd where: b = blank yy = year (00-99) ddd = day (001-366)
Dataset Security (1 byte)	A code number indicating the security status of the dataset is as follows: 0 No password protection 1 Password protection Additional identification of the dataset is required before it can be read, written, or deleted (ignored if volume is RACF-defined) 3 Password protection Additional identification of the dataset is required before it can be read, written, or deleted (ignored if volume is RACF-defined).

FIELD NAME	CONTENTS
Block Count (6 bytes)	This field in the trailer label shows the number of data blocks in the dataset on the current volume. This field in the header label is always zeros (000000).
System Code (13 bytes)	Unique code that identifies the system.
Reserved (7 bytes)	Reserved for future use - should be recorded as blanks.

1.10.9 The IBM Standard Dataset Label 2 Format (HDR2, EOVS, EOF2) always follows dataset label 1 and contains additional information about the associated dataset as described below:

Label Identifier (3 bytes)	Three characters that identify the label are as follows: HDR Header label (at the beginning of a dataset) EOV Trailer label (at the end of a tape volume, when the dataset continues on another volume) EOF Trailer label (at the end of a dataset).
Label Number (1 byte)	The relative position of this label within a set of labels of the same type; it is always a 2 for dataset label 2.
Record Format (1 byte)	An alphabetic character that indicates the format of records in the associated dataset as follows: F Fixed length V Variable length U Undefined length.
Block Length (5 bytes)	A number up to 32760 that indicates the block length, in bytes. Interpretation of the number depends on the following associated record format in Field 3: Format F - Block length (must be a multiple of the logical record length in Field 5) Format V - Maximum block length (including the 4 byte length indicator in the block) Format U - Maximum block length.
Record Length (5 bytes)	A number that indicates the record length, in bytes. Interpretation of the number depends on the following associated record format in Field 3: Format F - Logical record length Format V - Maximum logical record length (including the 4 byte length indicator in the records) Format U - Zeros.

Tape Density (1 byte)	A code indicating the record density of the tape, as follows: Recording Density DEN Value 9-Track Tape 3 1600 (PE) 4 6250 (GCR) PE - is for phase encoded mode GCR - is for group coded recording mode.
Dataset Position (1 byte)	A code, indicating a volume switch, is as follows: 0 - No volume switch has occurred 1 - A volume switch previously occurred.
Job/Job Step (17 bytes)	Identification of the job and job step that created the dataset. The first 8 bytes contain the name of the job, the ninth byte is a slash (/), and the final 8 bytes contain the name of the job step.
Tape Recording Technique (2 bytes)	A code or blanks indicating the tape recording technique used. This field is recorded as blanks for 9-track tape. The only technique available for 9-track tape is odd parity and no translation.
Control Characters (1 byte)	A code indicating whether a control character set was used to create the dataset and the type of control characters used: A Contains ASCII control characters M Contains machine control characters b Contains no control characters.
Reserved (1 byte)	Reserved for future use - should be recorded as blanks.
Block Attribute (1 byte)	A code indicating the block attribute used to create the dataset: B Blocked records S Spanned records R Blocked and spanned records b No blocked and no spanned records.
Reserved (8 bytes)	Bytes 40-42 - reserved for future use - should be blanks. Bytes 43-47 - (3420 tape units only) serial number of creating tape unit. Blank for other units.
Checkpoint Dataset (1 byte)	In VS2-Release 2, this byte contains the identifier character C if the dataset is a checkpoint dataset; the byte is blank if the dataset is not a check point dataset or in other releases of the VS systems.
Reserved (32 bytes)	Reserved for future use - should be recorded as blanks.

1.11 Testing Requirements

- 1.11.1 At least thirty (30) calendar days prior to any BellSouth software releases that affect the mechanized bill format, BellSouth shall send to AT&T bill data in the appropriate mechanized format for testing to ensure that the bills can be processed and that the bills comply with CBOS standards. After receipt of the test data from BellSouth, AT&T

will notify BellSouth at least ten (10) days prior to the software release implementation date of any processing problems as a result of the software changes. If the transmission fails to meet CBOS standards, BellSouth shall make the necessary corrections prior to implementation to meet such CBOS standards.

- 1.11.2 BellSouth shall provide to AT&T's Company Manager, located at 500 North Point Parkway, FLOC B1104B, Alpharetta, Georgia 30005, BellSouth's originating or state level company code so that it may be added to AT&T's internal tables at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to testing or prior to a change in BellSouth's originating or state level company code.
- 1.11.3 Test tapes containing the transmitted AT&T billing data and information will be sent during the testing period, per request, to the following location:

Test Tapes:	AT&T Attention: Bill Access Testing Coordinator 500 North Point Parkway FLOC B1104B Alpharetta, Georgia 30005
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1.12 Additional Requirements

- 1.12.1 BellSouth agrees that if it transmits data to AT&T in a mechanized format, BellSouth will also comply with the following specifications which are not contained in CABS guidelines but which are necessary for AT&T to process billing information and data:
- 1.12.1.1 The BAN shall not contain embedded spaces or low values.
- 1.12.1.2 The Bill Date shall not contain spaces or non-numeric values.
- 1.12.1.3 Each bill must contain at least one detail record.
- 1.12.1.4 Any "From" Date should be less than the associated "Thru" Date and neither date can contain spaces.
- 1.12.1.5 The Invoice Number must not have embedded spaces or low values.
- ## 1.13 Bill Accuracy Certification
- 1.13.1 The Parties agree that in order to ensure the proper performance and integrity of the entire billing process, BellSouth will be responsible and

accountable for transmitting to AT&T an accurate and current bill. BellSouth agrees to implement control mechanisms and procedures to render a bill that accurately reflects the Billed Services ordered and used by AT&T. Accordingly, at AT&T's option on a connectivity by connectivity basis, AT&T and BellSouth agree to model, for the purposes of this Agreement, the process and methodology for access certification set forth in the Access Billing Supplier Quality Certification Operating Agreement dated August 13, 1993, executed by AT&T and BellSouth which governs certification of access bills for interLATA and intraLATA calls. At the point AT&T and BellSouth mutually agree that pre-certification is complete, all billing disputes will be handled pursuant to a billing supplier quality certification operating agreement to be executed by the Parties.

1.14 Payment Of Charges

- 1.14.1 Subject to the terms of this Agreement, AT&T and BellSouth will pay each other within thirty (30) calendar days from the Bill Date, or twenty (20) calendar days from the receipt of the bill, whichever is later. If the payment due date is a Sunday or is a Monday that has been designated a bank holiday by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York (or such other bank as AT&T specifies), payment will be made the next business day. If the payment due date is a Saturday or is on a Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday that has been designated a bank holiday by the Chase Manhattan Bank of New York (or such other bank as AT&T specifies), payment will be made on the preceding business day.
- 1.14.2 Payments shall be made in U.S. Dollars via electronic funds transfer ("EFT") to the other Party's bank account. At least thirty (30) days prior to the first transmission of billing data and information for payment, BellSouth and AT&T shall provide each other the name and address of its bank, its account and routing number and to whom billing payments should be made payable. If such banking information changes, each Party shall provide the other Party at least sixty (60) days written notice of the change and such notice shall include the new banking information. The Parties will render payment via EFT. AT&T will provide BellSouth with one address to which such payments shall be rendered and BellSouth will provide AT&T with one address to which such payments shall be rendered. In the event AT&T receives multiple bills from BellSouth which are payable on the same date, AT&T may remit one payment for the sum of all bills payable to BellSouth's bank account specified in this subsection if AT&T provides payment advice to BellSouth. Each Party shall provide the other Party with a contact person for the handling of billing payment questions or problems.

1.15 Billing Disputes

- 1.15.1 On a connectivity by connectivity basis and until such time as a precertification process is in place, each party agrees to notify the other party in writing upon the discovery of a billing dispute. The disputing party agrees to provide the billing party sufficient documentation to investigate the dispute and may withhold any disputed amounts supported by such documentation. Until documentation is provided all outstanding billed amounts will be considered past due. In the event of a billing dispute, the parties will endeavor to resolve the dispute within sixty (60) calendar days of the dispute notification date. Resolution of the dispute is expected to occur at the first level of management resulting in a recommendation for settlement of the dispute.
- 1.15.2 If the issues are not resolved within the allotted time frame, each of the parties shall appoint a designated representative who has authority to settle the dispute and who is at a higher level of management than the persons with direct responsibility for administration of this Agreement. The designated representatives shall meet as often as they reasonably deem necessary in order to discuss the dispute and negotiate in good faith in an effort to resolve such dispute. The specific format for such discussions will be left to the discretion of the designated representatives, however all reasonable requests for relevant information made by one Party to the other Party shall be honored.
- 1.15.3 If the Parties are unable to resolve issues related to the disputed amounts within forty-five (45) days after the parties' appointment of designated representatives, the dispute will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedure set forth in Section 16 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 1.15.4 If a party disputes a charge and does not pay such charge by the payment due date, such charges shall be subject to late payment charges as set forth in Section 1.16 of this Attachment 6. If a party disputes charges and the dispute is resolved in favor of such party, the other party shall credit the bill of the disputing party for the amount of the disputed charges along with any late payment charges assessed no later than the second Bill Date after the resolution of the dispute. Accordingly, if a party disputes charges and the dispute is resolved in favor of the other party, the disputing party shall pay the other party the amount of the disputed charges and any associated late payment charges assessed no later than the second bill payment due date after the resolution of the dispute.

1.16 Late Payment Charges

1.16.1 If either Party fails to remit payment for any charges described in this Attachment 6 by the payment due date, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received by either Party after the payment due date, or if a payment or any portion of a payment is received in funds which are not immediately available to the other Party, then a late payment penalty shall be assessed. For bills rendered by BellSouth for payment by AT&T, the late payment charge shall be calculated based on the portion of the payment not received by the payment due date times the late factor as set forth in the following BellSouth tariffs, based upon the service for which payment was not received: for general subscriber services, Section A2 of the General Subscriber Services Tariff; for private line service, Section B2 of the Private Line Service Tariff; and for access service, Section E2 of the Access Service Tariff. For bills rendered by AT&T for payment by BellSouth the late payment charge shall be calculated based on the portion of the payment not received by the payment date times the lesser of (i) .one and one-half percent (1 ½%) per month or (ii) the highest interest rate (in decimal value) which may be charged by law for commercial transactions, compounded daily for the number of days from the payment date to and including the date that payment is actual made. In no event, however, shall interest be assessed by AT&T on any previously assessed late payment charges. BellSouth shall only assess interest on previously assessed late payment charges in a state where it has the authority pursuant to its tariffs. Bill disputes shall not be submitted by either party for any charge on or after one (1) year following the bill date of the bill on which the charge first appears.

1.17 Discontinuance of Service

1.17.1 The procedures for discontinuing service to an end user are as follows:

1.17.1.1 Where possible, BellSouth will deny service to AT&T's end user on behalf of, and at the request of, AT&T. Upon restoration of the end user's service, restoral charges will apply and will be the responsibility of AT&T.

1.17.1.2 At the request of AT&T, BellSouth will disconnect an AT&T end user.

1.17.1.3 All requests by AT&T for denial or disconnection of an end user for nonpayment must be in writing.

1.17.1.4 AT&T will be made solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.

1.17.1.5 BellSouth may disconnect and reuse facilities when the facility is in a denied state and BellSouth has received an order to establish new

service or transfer of service from an end user or an end user's CLEC at the same address served by the denied facility.

1.17.2 The procedures for discontinuing service to AT&T are as follows:

1.17.2.1 BellSouth reserves the right to suspend or terminate service for nonpayment of undisputed amounts or in the event of prohibited, unlawful or improper use of the facilities or service, abuse of the facilities by AT&T.

1.17.2.2 If payment of undisputed amounts is not received by the bill day in the month after the original bill day, BellSouth may provide written notice to AT&T, that additional applications for service will be refused and that any pending orders for service will not be completed if payment of undisputed amounts is not received by the fifteenth day following the date of the notice. In addition BellSouth may, at the same time, give thirty days notice to the person designated by AT&T to receive notices of noncompliance, and discontinue the provision of existing services to AT&T at any time thereafter.

1.17.2.3 In the case of such discontinuance, all billed undisputed charges, as well as applicable termination charges, shall become due.

1.17.2.4 If BellSouth does not discontinue the provision of the services involved on the date specified in the thirty (30) days' notice and AT&T's noncompliance continues, nothing contained herein shall preclude BellSouth's right to discontinue the provision of the services to AT&T without further notice.

1.17.2.5 If payment of undisputed charges is not received or arrangements made for payment by the date given in the written notification, AT&T's services will be discontinued. Upon discontinuance of service on a AT&T's account, service to AT&T's end users will be denied. BellSouth will also reestablish service at the request of the end user or AT&T upon payment of the appropriate connection fee and subject to BellSouth's normal application procedures. AT&T is solely responsible for notifying the end user of the proposed disconnection of the service.

17.2.6 If within fifteen days after an end user's service has been denied, AT&T has not contacted BellSouth in reference to restoring service, the end user's service will be disconnected.

1.18 **Adjustments**

1.18.1 Subject to the terms of this Attachment 6, BellSouth will adjust incorrect billing charges to AT&T. Such adjustments shall be set forth in the appropriate section of the bill pursuant to CBOS or CLUB/EDI standards.

1.19 Revenue Protection

- 1.19.1 Where BellSouth services are being resold and where AT&T is using a BellSouth port, AT&T will have the use of all present and future fraud prevention or revenue protection features, including prevention, detection, or control functionality embedded within any of the network elements available to BellSouth. These features include, but are not limited to, screening codes, call blocking of international, 800, 900, and 976 numbers.
- 1.19.2 The Party causing a provisioning, maintenance or signal network routing error that results in uncollectible or unbillable revenues to the other Party shall be liable for the amount of the revenues lost by the Party unable to bill or collect the revenues less costs that would have been incurred from gaining such revenues.
- 1.19.3 Uncollectible or unbillable revenues resulting from the accidental or malicious alteration of software underlying Network Elements or their subtending operational support systems by unauthorized third parties shall be the responsibility of the Party having administrative control of access to said Network Element or operational support system software to the extent such unbillable or uncollectible revenue results from the gross negligence or willful act or omission of the Party having such administrative control.
- 1.19.4 BellSouth shall be responsible for any uncollectible or unbillable revenues resulting from the unauthorized physical attachment to loop facilities from the Main Distribution Frame up to and including the Network Interface Device, including clip-on fraud to the extent such unbillable or uncollectible revenue results from the gross negligence or willful act or omission of BellSouth. BellSouth shall provide soft dial tone to allow only the completion of calls to final termination points required by law.

2. PROVISION OF CUSTOMER USAGE DATA

2.1 Introduction

- 2.1.1 This Section sets forth the terms and conditions for BellSouth's provision of Recorded Usage Data to AT&T.
- 2.1.2 Line Information Database ("LIDB") is a database system designed to provide for validation of calling card and other billing information. LIDB provides screening validation on operator assisted calls on billing number records and is offered under a separate agreement. The Parties' agreement relating to LIDB Storage is included as Exhibit A to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.

- 2.1.3 RAO Hosting is the process by which a telecommunications company agrees to "host" another company solely for the purpose of message exchange over the Centralized Message Distribution System ("CMDS"). RAO Hosting includes the following: RAO Code Assignment, Message Exchange via the CMDS system, and Inter-Company Settlements. The Parties' RAO Hosting Agreement is included as Exhibit B to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2.1.4 Optional Daily Usage File ("ODUF") contains billable messages that were carried over the BellSouth Network and processed in the BellSouth Billing System, but billed to the AT&T account. The Parties' ODUF agreement is included as Exhibit C to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2.1.5 Enhanced Optional Daily Usage File ("EODUF") provides usage data for local calls originating from resold Flat Rate Business and Residential Lines. The Parties' EODUF agreement is included as Exhibit D to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 2.1.6 Access Daily Usage File ("ADUF") contains access messages associated with a port that AT&T has purchased from BellSouth. The Parties' ADUF agreement is included as Exhibit E to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.

3. LOCAL ACCOUNT MAINTENANCE

- 3.1 When BellSouth provides local switching to AT&T (e.g., where AT&T is reselling BellSouth's services or is employing loop port combination to provide local service) BellSouth shall provide local account maintenance information and service as described herein.
- 3.2 When notified by a CLEC (or from the end user to change to BellSouth service) that an AT&T end user has switched its local service to the other CLEC's service (or to BellSouth), BellSouth shall send AT&T a loss notification message to inform AT&T that its end user has switched to another CLEC (or to BellSouth). The Parties agree to utilize LSOG4 or the most current industry ordering guideline standard established by the OBF that contains the loss notification message.
- 3.3 BellSouth shall send loss notification messages to AT&T six (6) days a week using the applicable release of EDI as the electronic medium for transmitting the loss notification message.
- 3.4 BellSouth shall accept and process intraLATA and interLATA PIC changes sent by AT&T. When an AT&T local end user switches its IXC, AT&T will enter the PIC change into the current local order

system, and will generate an intraLATA or interLATA PIC Service Change Order that will be sent to BellSouth for provisioning over the existing ordering gateway.

- 3.5 When AT&T is notified by an intraLATA or interLATA carrier using a Transaction Code ("TC") "01" PIC order record that an AT&T local end user has changed its intraLATA or interLATA PIC, BellSouth shall reject the order and notify the intraLATA or interLATA carrier that a CARE PIC record should be sent to AT&T. BellSouth shall notify the intraLATA or interLATA carrier by creating a '3148' (for resale or UNE-P) or a '3150' (for ported numbers) reject transaction record, and shall populate the AT&T provided AT&T Operating Company Code on the reject record. The intraLATA and interLATA carrier should redirect the TC01 order to AT&T for processing the PIC.

LINE INFORMATION DATA BASE ("LIDB")
STORAGE AGREEMENT

I. SCOPE

- 1.1 This Exhibit sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which BellSouth agrees to store in its LIDB certain information at the request of AT&T and pursuant to which BellSouth, its LIDB customers and AT&T shall have access to such information. AT&T understands that BellSouth provides access to information in its LIDB to various telecommunications service providers pursuant to applicable tariffs and agrees that information stored at the request of Local Exchange Carrier, pursuant to this Exhibit, shall be available to those telecommunications service providers.
- 1.2 Definitions
- 1.2.1 Billing number - a number used by BellSouth for the purpose of identifying an account liable for charges. This number may be a line or a special billing number.
- 1.2.2 Line number - a ten-digit number assigned by BellSouth that identifies a telephone line associated with a resold local exchange service, or with a SPNP arrangement.
- 1.2.3 Special billing number - a ten-digit number that identifies a billing account established by BellSouth in connection with a resold local exchange service or with a SPNP arrangement.
- 1.2.4 Calling Card number - a billing number plus PIN number assigned by BellSouth.
- 1.2.5 PIN number - a four digit security code assigned by BellSouth which is added to a billing number to compose a fourteen digit calling card number.
- 1.2.6 Toll billing exception indicator - associated with a billing number to indicate that it is considered invalid for billing of collect calls or third number calls or both, by the Local Exchange Company.

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- 1.2.7 Billed Number Screening - refers to the activity of determining whether a toll billing exception indicator is present for a particular billing number.
- 1.2.8 Calling Card Validation - refers to the activity of determining whether a particular calling card number exists as stated or otherwise provided by a caller.
- 1.2.9 Billing number information - information about billing number or Calling Card number as assigned by BellSouth and toll billing exception indicator provided to BellSouth by the Local Exchange Company.
- 1.3 LIDB is accessed for the following purposes:
- Billed Number Screening
 - Calling Card Validation
 - Fraud Control
- 1.4.1 BellSouth will provide seven days per week, 24-hours per day, fraud monitoring on Calling Cards, bill-to-third and collect calls made to numbers in BellSouth's LIDB, provided that such information is included in the LIDB query. BellSouth will establish fraud alert thresholds and will notify AT&T within 2 hours of fraud alerts so that the AT&T may take action it deems appropriate. At AT&T's request, BellSouth shall block and restrict calling card, third party billing and collect call, and validation in its LIDB within two (2) hours of receiving AT&T's request. Local Exchange Company understands and agrees BellSouth will administer all data stored in the LIDB, including the data provided by Local Exchange Company pursuant to this Exhibit, in the same manner as BellSouth's data for BellSouth's end users. BellSouth shall not be responsible to AT&T for any lost revenue which may result from BellSouth's administration of the LIDB pursuant to its established practices and procedures as they exist and as they may be changed by BellSouth in its sole discretion from time to time.
- 1.4.2 AT&T understands that BellSouth currently has in effect numerous billing and collection agreements with various interexchange carriers and billing clearing houses. AT&T further understands that these billing and collection customers of BellSouth query BellSouth's LIDB to determine whether to accept various billing options from end users. Additionally, AT&T understands that presently BellSouth has no method to differentiate between BellSouth's own billing and line data in

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the LIDB and such data which it includes in the LIDB on AT&T's behalf pursuant to this Exhibit. Therefore, until such time as BellSouth can and does implement in its LIDB and its supporting systems the means to differentiate AT&T's data from BellSouth's data and the Parties execute appropriate amendments hereto, the following terms and conditions shall apply:

- 1.4.2.1 AT&T agrees that it will accept responsibility for telecommunications services billed by BellSouth for its billing and collection customers for AT&T's end user accounts which are resident in LIDB pursuant to this Exhibit. AT&T's authorizes BellSouth to place such charges on AT&T's bill from BellSouth and agrees that it shall pay all such charges. Charges for which AT&T hereby takes responsibility include, but are not limited to, collect and third number calls.
- 1.4.2.2 Charges for such services shall appear on a separate BellSouth bill page identified with the name of the entity for which BellSouth is billing the charge.
- 1.4.2.3 AT&T shall have the responsibility to render a billing statement to its end users for these charges, but AT&T's obligation to pay BellSouth for the charges billed shall be independent of whether AT&T is able or not to collect from the AT&T's end users.
- 1.4.2.4 BellSouth shall not become involved in any disputes between AT&T and the entities for which BellSouth performs billing and collection. BellSouth will not issue adjustments for charges billed on behalf of an entity to AT&T. It shall be the responsibility of the AT&T and the other entity to negotiate and arrange for any appropriate adjustments.

2. FEES FOR SERVICE AND TAXES

- 2.1 AT&T will not be charged a fee for storage services provided by BellSouth to AT&T, as described in Section I of this Exhibit.

3. MISCELLANEOUS

- 3.1 It is understood and agreed to by the parties that BellSouth may provide similar services to other companies.
- 3.2 All terms, conditions and operations under this Agreement shall be performed in accordance with, and subject to, all applicable local, state

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or federal legal and regulatory tariffs, rulings, and other requirements of the federal courts, the U. S. Department of Justice and state and federal regulatory agencies. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to cause either party to violate any such legal or regulatory requirement and either party's obligation to perform shall be subject to all such requirements.

- 3.3 This Exhibit constitutes the entire agreement between AT&T and BellSouth which supersedes all prior agreements or contracts, oral or written representations, statements, negotiations, understandings, proposals and undertakings with respect to the subject matter hereof.

4. RESALE

- 4.1 This Section sets forth the terms and conditions for AT&T's provision of billing number information to BellSouth for inclusion in BellSouth's LIDB. BellSouth will store in its LIDB the billing number information provided by AT&T, and BellSouth will provide responses to on-line, call-by-call queries to this information for purposes specified in Section 1.3 of this Exhibit A.

4.2 Responsibilities of Parties

- 4.2.1 BellSouth will include billing number information associated with resold exchange lines or SPNP arrangements in its LIDB. The AT&T will request any toll billing exceptions via the Local Service Request ("LSR") form used to order resold exchange lines, or the SPNP service request form used to order SPNP arrangements.

- 4.2.2 Under normal operating conditions, BellSouth shall include the billing number information in its LIDB upon completion of the service order establishing either the resold local exchange service or the SPNP arrangement, provided that BellSouth shall not be held responsible for any delay or failure in performance to the extent such delay or failure is caused by circumstances or conditions beyond BellSouth's reasonable control. BellSouth will store in its LIDB an unlimited volume of the working telephone numbers associated with either the resold local exchange lines or the SPNP arrangements. For resold local exchange lines or for SPNP arrangements, BellSouth will issue line-based calling cards only in the name of AT&T. BellSouth will not issue line-based calling cards in the name of AT&T's individual end users. In the event

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that AT&T wants to include calling card numbers assigned by AT&T in the BellSouth LIDB, a separate agreement is required.

- 4.2.3 BellSouth will provide responses to on-line, call-by-call queries to the stored information for the specific purposes listed in the next paragraph.
- 4.2.4 BellSouth is authorized to use the billing number information to perform the following functions for authorized users on an on-line basis:
 - 4.2.4.1 Validate a 14 digit Calling Card number where the first 10 digits are a line number or special billing number assigned by BellSouth, and where the last four digits (PIN) are a security code assigned by BellSouth.
 - 4.2.4.2 Determine whether the AT&T has identified the billing number as one which should not be billed for collect or third number calls, or both.

RAO HOSTING

- 1 RAO Hosting, Calling Card and Third Number Settlement System ("CATS") and Non-Intercompany Settlement System ("NICS") services provided to AT&T by BellSouth will be in accordance with the methods and practices regularly adopted and applied by BellSouth to its own operations during the term of this Agreement, including such revisions as may be made from time to time by BellSouth. BellSouth shall provide AT&T with notice of such revisions sixty (60) days prior to implementation.
- 2 AT&T shall furnish all relevant information required by BellSouth for the provision of RAO Hosting, CATS and NICS.
- 3 Applicable compensation amounts will be billed by BellSouth to AT&T on a monthly basis in arrears. Amounts due from one Party to the other (excluding adjustments) are payable within thirty (30) days of receipt of the billing statement.
- 4 AT&T must have its own unique RAO code. Requests for establishment of RAO status where BellSouth is the selected Centralized Message Distribution System ("CMDs") interfacing host, require written notification from AT&T to the BellSouth RAO Hosting coordinator at least eight (8) weeks prior to the proposed effective date. The proposed effective date will be mutually agreed upon between the Parties with consideration given to time necessary for the completion of required Telcordia (formerly BellCore) functions. BellSouth will request the assignment of an RAO code from its connecting contractor, currently Telcordia (formerly BellCore), on behalf of AT&T and will coordinate all associated conversion activities.
- 5 BellSouth will receive messages from AT&T that are to be processed by BellSouth, another LEC or CLEC in the BellSouth region or a LEC outside the BellSouth region.
- 6 BellSouth will perform invoice sequence checking, standard EMI format editing, and balancing of message data with the EMI trailer record counts on all data received from AT&T.
- 7 All data received from AT&T that is to be processed or billed by another LEC or CLEC within the BellSouth region will be distributed to

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that LEC or CLEC in accordance with the agreement(s) which may be in effect between BellSouth and the involved LEC or CLEC.

- 8 All data received from AT&T that is to be placed on the CMDS network for distribution outside the BellSouth region will be handled in accordance with the agreement(s) which may be in effect between BellSouth and its connecting contractor [currently Telcordia (formerly BellCore)].
- 9 BellSouth will receive messages from the CMDS network that are destined to be processed by AT&T and will forward them to AT&T on a daily basis.
- 10 Transmission of message data between BellSouth and AT&T will be via CONNECT: Direct.
- 11 All messages and related data exchanged between BellSouth and AT&T will be formatted in accordance with accepted industry standards for EMI formatted records and packed between appropriate EMI header and trailer records, also in accordance with accepted industry standards.
- 12 AT&T will ensure that the recorded message detail necessary to recreate files provided to BellSouth will be maintained for back-up purposes for a period of three (3) calendar months beyond the related message dates.
- 13 Should it become necessary for AT&T to send data to BellSouth more than sixty (60) days past the message date(s), AT&T will notify BellSouth in advance of the transmission of the data. If there will be impacts outside the BellSouth region, BellSouth will work with its connecting contractor and AT&T to notify all affected Parties.
- 14 In the event that data to be exchanged between the two Parties should become lost or destroyed, both Parties will work together to determine the source of the problem. Once the cause of the problem has been jointly determined and the responsible Party (BellSouth or AT&T) identified and agreed to, the company responsible for creating the data (BellSouth or AT&T) will make every effort to have the affected data restored and retransmitted. If the data cannot be retrieved, the responsible Party will be liable to the other Party for any resulting lost revenue. Lost revenue may be a combination of revenues that could

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not be billed to the end users and associated access revenues. Both Parties will work together to estimate the revenue amount based upon historical data through a method mutually agreed upon. The resulting estimated revenue loss will be paid by the responsible Party to the other Party within three (3) calendar months of the date of problem resolution, or as mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

- 15 Should an error be detected by the EMI format edits performed by BellSouth on data received from AT&T, the entire pack containing the affected data will not be processed by BellSouth. BellSouth will notify AT&T of the error condition. AT&T will correct the error(s) and will resend the entire pack to BellSouth for processing. In the event that an out-of-sequence condition occurs on subsequent packs, AT&T will resend these packs to BellSouth after the pack containing the error has been successfully reprocessed by BellSouth.
- 16 In association with message distribution service, BellSouth will provide AT&T with associated intercompany settlements reports (CATS and NICS) as appropriate.
- 17 In no case shall either Party be liable to the other for any direct or consequential damages incurred as a result of the obligations set out in this agreement.
- 18 RAO Compensation
- 18.1 Rates for message distribution service provided by BellSouth for AT&T are as set forth in Exhibit F to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 18.2 Rates for data transmission associated with message distribution service are as set forth in Exhibit F to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 18.3 Data circuits (private line or dial-up) will be required between BellSouth and AT&T for the purpose of data transmission. Where a dedicated line is required, AT&T will be responsible for ordering the circuit, overseeing its installation and coordinating the installation with BellSouth. AT&T will also be responsible for any charges associated with this line. Equipment required on the BellSouth end to attach the line to the mainframe computer and to transmit successfully ongoing will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Where a dial-up facility is

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required, dial circuits will be installed in the BellSouth data center by BellSouth and the associated charges assessed to AT&T. Additionally, all message toll charges associated with the use of the dial circuit by AT&T will be the responsibility of AT&T. Associated equipment on the BellSouth end, including a modem, will be negotiated on a case by case basis between the Parties.

- 18.4 All equipment, including modems and software, that is required on AT&T's end for the purpose of data transmission will be the responsibility of AT&T.
- 19 Intercompany Settlements Messages
 - 19.1 This Section addresses the settlement of revenues associated with traffic originated from or billed by AT&T as a facilities based provider of local exchange telecommunications services outside the BellSouth region. Only traffic that originates in one Bell operating territory and bills in another Bell operating territory is included. Traffic that originates and bills within the same Bell operating territory will be settled on a local basis between AT&T and the involved company(ies), unless that company is participating in NICS.
 - 19.2 Both traffic that originates outside the BellSouth region by AT&T and is billed within the BellSouth region, and traffic that originates within the BellSouth region and is billed outside the BellSouth region by AT&T, is covered by this Agreement (CATS). Also covered is traffic that either is originated by or billed by AT&T, involves a company other than AT&T, qualifies for inclusion in the CATS settlement, and is not originated or billed within the BellSouth region (NICS).
 - 19.3 Once AT&T is operating within the BellSouth territory, revenues associated with calls originated and billed within the BellSouth region will be settled via Telcordia's (formerly BellCore), its successor or assign, NICS system.
 - 19.4 BellSouth will receive the monthly NICS reports from Telcordia (formerly BellCore), its successor or assign, on behalf of AT&T. BellSouth will distribute copies of these reports to AT&T on a monthly basis.
 - 19.5 BellSouth will receive the monthly CATS reports from Telcordia (formerly BellCore), its successor or assign, on behalf of AT&T.

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BellSouth will distribute copies of these reports to AT&T on a monthly basis.

- 19.6 BellSouth will collect the revenue earned by AT&T from the Bell operating company in whose territory the messages are billed (CATS), less a per message billing and collection fee of five cents (\$0.05), on behalf of AT&T. BellSouth will remit the revenue billed by AT&T to the Bell operating company in whose territory the messages originated, less a per message billing and collection fee of five cents (\$0.05), on behalf of AT&T. These two amounts will be netted together by BellSouth and the resulting charge or credit issued to AT&T via a monthly Carrier Access Billing System ("CABS") miscellaneous bill.
- 19.7 BellSouth will collect the revenue earned by AT&T within the BellSouth territory from another CLEC also within the BellSouth territory (NICS) where the messages are billed, less a per message billing and collection fee of five cents (\$0.05), on behalf of AT&T. BellSouth will remit the revenue billed by AT&T within the BellSouth region to the CLEC also within the BellSouth region, where the messages originated, less a per message billing and collection fee of five cents (\$0.05). These two amounts will be netted together by BellSouth and the resulting charge or credit issued to AT&T via a monthly CABS miscellaneous bill.
- 19.8 BellSouth and AT&T agree that monthly netted amounts of less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) will not be settled.

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OPTIONAL DAILY USAGE FILE

- 1 Upon written request from AT&T, BellSouth will provide the Optional Daily Usage File ("ODUF") service to AT&T pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.
- 2 AT&T shall furnish all relevant information required by BellSouth for the provision of the Optional Daily Usage File.
- 3 The Optional Daily Usage Feed will contain billable messages that were carried over the BellSouth Network and processed in the BellSouth Billing System, but billed to an AT&T end user.

 Charges for delivery of the Optional Daily Usage File will appear on the AT&Ts' monthly bills. The charges are as set forth in Exhibit A to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 4 The Optional Daily Usage Feed will contain both rated and unrated messages. All messages will be in the standard Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") EMI record format.
- 5 Messages that error in the billing system of the AT&T will be the responsibility of the AT&T. If, however, the AT&T should encounter significant volumes of errored messages that prevent processing by the AT&T within its systems, BellSouth will work with the AT&T to determine the source of the errors and the appropriate resolution.
- 6 The following specifications shall apply to the Optional Daily Usage Feed.
 - 6.1 Usage To Be Transmitted
 - 6.1.1 The following messages recorded by BellSouth will be transmitted to the AT&T:
 - message recording for per use/per activation type services (examples: Three Way Calling, Verify, Interrupt, Call Return, ETC.)
 - measured billable Local
 - Directory Assistance messages
 - intraLATA Toll
 - WATS & 800 Service

- N11
- Information Service Provider Messages
- Operator Services Messages
- Operator Services Message Attempted Calls (UNE only)
- Credit/Cancel Records
- Usage for Voice Mail Message Service

- 6.1.2 Rated Incollects (originated in BellSouth and from other companies) can also be on Optional Daily Usage File. Rated Incollects will be intermingled with BellSouth recorded rated and unrated usage. Rated Incollects will not be packed separately.
- 6.1.3 BellSouth will perform duplicate record checks on records processed to Optional Daily Usage File. Any duplicate messages detected will be deleted and not sent to AT&T.
- 6.1.4 In the event that AT&T detects a duplicate on Optional Daily Usage File they receive from BellSouth, AT&T will drop the duplicate message (AT&T will not return the duplicate to BellSouth).
- 6.2 Physical File Characteristics
- 6.2.1 The Optional Daily Usage File will be distributed to AT&T via an agreed medium with CONNECT:Direct being the preferred transport method. The Daily Usage Feed will be a variable block format (2476) with an LRECL of 2472. The data on the Daily Usage Feed will be in a non-compacted EMI format (175 byte format plus modules). It will be created on a daily basis (Monday through Friday except holidays). Details such as dataset name and delivery schedule will be addressed during negotiations of the distribution medium. There will be a maximum of one dataset per workday per OCN.
- 6.2.2 Data circuits (private line or dial-up) may be required between BellSouth and AT&T for the purpose of data transmission. Where a dedicated line is required, AT&T will be responsible for ordering the circuit, overseeing its installation and coordinating the installation with BellSouth. AT&T will also be responsible for any charges associated with this line. Equipment required on the BellSouth end to attach the line to the mainframe computer and to transmit successfully ongoing will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Where a dial-up facility is required, dial circuits will be installed in the BellSouth data center by

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BellSouth and the associated charges assessed to AT&T. Additionally, all message toll charges associated with the use of the dial circuit by AT&T will be the responsibility of AT&T. Associated equipment on the BellSouth end, including a modem, will be negotiated on a case by case basis between the parties. All equipment, including modems and software, that is required on AT&T end for the purpose of data transmission will be the responsibility of AT&T.

6.3 Packing Specifications

6.3.1 A pack will contain a minimum of one message record or a maximum of 99,999 message records plus a pack header record and a pack trailer record. One transmission can contain a maximum of 99 packs and a minimum of one pack.

6.3.2 The OCN, From RAO, and Invoice Number will control the invoice sequencing. The From RAO will be used to identify to AT&T which BellSouth RAO that is sending the message. BellSouth and AT&T will use the invoice sequencing to control data exchange. BellSouth will be notified of sequence failures identified by AT&T and resend the data as appropriate.

THE DATA WILL BE PACKED USING ATIS EMI RECORDS.

6.4 Pack Rejection

6.4.1 AT&T will notify BellSouth within one business day of rejected packs (via the mutually agreed medium). Packs could be rejected because of pack sequencing discrepancies or a critical edit failure on the Pack Header or Pack Trailer records (i.e., out-of-balance condition on grand totals, invalid data populated). Standard ATIS EMI Error Codes will be used. AT&T will not be required to return the actual rejected data to BellSouth. Rejected packs will be corrected and retransmitted to AT&T by BellSouth.

6.5 Control Data

AT&T will send one confirmation record per pack that is received from BellSouth. This confirmation record will indicate AT&T received the pack and the acceptance or rejection of the pack. Pack Status Code(s) will be populated using standard ATIS EMI error codes for

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packs that were rejected by AT&T for reasons stated in the above section.

6.6 Testing

- 6.6.1 Upon request from AT&T, BellSouth shall send test files to AT&T for the Optional Daily Usage File. The parties agree to review and discuss the file's content and/or format. For testing of usage results, BellSouth shall request that AT&T set up a production (LIVE) file. The live test may consist of AT&T's employees making test calls for the types of services AT&T requests on the Optional Daily Usage File. These test calls are logged by AT&T, and the logs are provided to BellSouth. These logs will be used to verify the files. Testing will be completed within 30 calendar days from the date on which the initial test file was sent.

ENHANCED OPTIONAL DAILY USAGE FILE

- 1 Upon written request from AT&T, BellSouth will provide the Enhanced Optional Daily Usage File ("EODUF") service to AT&T pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in this section. EODUF will only be sent to existing ODUF subscribers who request the EODUF option.
- 2 AT&T shall furnish all relevant information required by BellSouth for the provision of the Enhanced Optional Daily Usage File.
- 3 The EODUF will provide usage data for local calls originating from resold Flat Rate Business and Residential Lines.
- 4 Charges for delivery of the Enhanced Optional Daily Usage File will appear on the AT&Ts' monthly bills. The charges are as set forth in Exhibit A to this Attachment 6, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 5 All messages will be in the standard Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS") EMI record format.
- 6 Messages that error in the billing system of the AT&T will be the responsibility of the AT&T. If, however, the AT&T should encounter significant volumes of errored messages that prevent processing by the AT&T within its systems, BellSouth will work with the AT&T to determine the source of the errors and the appropriate resolution.
- 7 The following specifications shall apply to the Optional Daily Usage Feed.
 - 7.1 Usage To Be Transmitted
 - 7.1.1 The following messages recorded by BellSouth will be transmitted to AT&T:

Customer usage data for flat rated local call originating from CLEC end user lines (1FB or 1FR). The EODUF record for flat rate messages will include:

Date of Call
From Number
To Number
Connect Time
Conversation Time

Method of Recording
From RAO
Rate Class
Message Type
Billing Indicators
Bill to Number

- 7.1.2 BellSouth will perform duplicate record checks on EODUF records processed to Optional Daily Usage File. Any duplicate messages detected will be deleted and not sent to AT&T.
- 7.1.3 In the event that AT&T detects a duplicate on Enhanced Optional Daily Usage File they receive from BellSouth, AT&T will drop the duplicate message (AT&T will not return the duplicate to BellSouth).
- 7.2 Physical File Characteristics
- 7.2.1 The Enhanced Optional Daily Usage Feed will be distributed to AT&T over their existing ODUF feed. The EODUF messages will be intermingled among AT&T's ODUF messages. The EODUF will be a variable block format (2476) with an LRECL of 2472. The data on the EODUF will be in a non-compacted EMI format (175 byte format plus modules). It will be created on a daily basis (Monday through Friday except holidays).
- 7.2.2 Data circuits (private line or dial-up) may be required between BellSouth and AT&T for the purpose of data transmission. Where a dedicated line is required, AT&T will be responsible for ordering the circuit, overseeing its installation and coordinating the installation with BellSouth. AT&T will also be responsible for any charges associated with this line. Equipment required on the BellSouth end to attach the line to the mainframe computer and to transmit successfully ongoing will be negotiated on a case by case basis. Where a dial-up facility is required, dial circuits will be installed in the BellSouth data center by BellSouth and the associated charges assessed to AT&T. Additionally, all message toll charges associated with the use of the dial circuit by AT&T will be the responsibility of AT&T. Associated equipment on the BellSouth end, including a modem, will be negotiated on a case by case basis between the parties. All equipment, including modems and software, that is required on AT&T end for the purpose of data transmission will be the responsibility of AT&T.

7.3 Packing Specifications

7.3.1 A pack will contain a minimum of one message record or a maximum of 99,999 message records plus a pack header record and a pack trailer record. One transmission can contain a maximum of 99 packs and a minimum of one pack.

7.3.2 The Operating Company Number ("OCN"), From Revenue Accounting Office ("RAO"), and Invoice Number will control the invoice sequencing. The From RAO will be used to identify to AT&T which BellSouth RAO that is sending the message. BellSouth and AT&T will use the invoice sequencing to control data exchange. BellSouth will be notified of sequence failures identified by AT&T and resend the data as appropriate.

7.3.3 THE DATA WILL BE PACKED USING ATIS EMI RECORDS.

BST'S PROPOSAL

ATTACHMENT 6

EXHIBIT E [DISAGRÉE]

CALL FLOW MATRIX

FOR BELLSOUTH'S POSITION, SEE ISSUE NO. 12

ATTACHMENT 7
**INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDERING AND PROVISIONING,
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND PRE-ORDERING**

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**INTERFACE REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDERING AND PROVISIONING,
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND PRE-ORDERING**

1 General Conditions

1.1 DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL: This Attachment 7 sets forth the terms and conditions under which BellSouth will provide AT&T access to the following BellSouth Operations Support Systems ("OSS") functions. Access to these functions shall be via various interfaces and personnel and may be used by AT&T for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing functions, which are supported by BellSouth databases, information, and personnel. **In addition to the electronic interfaces, BellSouth shall provide to AT&T any manual processes available to other CLECs for preordering, ordering, provisioning, and billing functions via BellSouth's Local Service Center, and for repair and maintenance functions through BellSouth's Local Operations Center. AT&T shall use its best efforts to utilize BellSouth's electronic interfaces. However, should AT&T use manual processes, AT&T shall pay BellSouth the additional charges associated with these manual processes, as set forth in this Agreement.**

BST PROPOSAL:

This Attachment 7 sets forth the terms and conditions under which BellSouth will provide AT&T access to the following BellSouth Operations Support Systems ("OSS") functions. Access to these functions shall be via various interfaces and personnel and may be used by AT&T for pre-ordering, ordering, provisioning, maintenance and repair, and billing functions, which are supported by BellSouth databases, information, and personnel. **Ordering of Services and Elements shall be electronic in all instances except where electronic ordering capability has not been developed for the particular Services and Elements being ordered or in the instance where the electronic interface is temporarily unavailable. If the electronic interface is not available, orders may be sent to BellSouth via facsimile, United States Mail, or in a manner otherwise agreed to by the Parties. BellSouth's current interfaces to OSS functions are:**

Interfaces	Function
EDI, TAG, LENS, LENS99	Ordering
TAG, LENS, LENS99	Pre-order
EDI, TAG, LENS, LENS99, CSOTS	Provisioning
EBI (ECTA), TAFI	Maintenance and Repair
CABS, CRIS, BIBS	Billing and Recording

- 1.2 BellSouth will provide AT&T with access to the interfaces twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week, except for scheduled maintenance. BellSouth shall provide AT&T a minimum of fifteen (15) calendar days advance notice of any scheduled maintenance.
- 1.3 Downtime shall be scheduled when systems experience minimum usage.
- 1.4 Single Point of Contact ("SPOC")
 - 1.4.1 BellSouth will provide a SPOC to provide technical support for the interfaces described herein. AT&T will also provide a SPOC for technical issues related to said interfaces.
 - 1.4.2 BellSouth will provide a SPOC for all ordering and provisioning contacts and order flow involved in the purchase and provisioning of BellSouth's Services and Elements.
 - 1.4.3 BellSouth and AT&T will provide one another with toll-free contact numbers for their respective SPOCs.
- 1.5 The Parties agree that the current Change Control Process attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by this reference, will be used to manage changes to existing interfaces, introduction of new interfaces and retirements of interfaces. AT&T and BellSouth agree to comply with the provisions of the current Change Control Process.
- 1.6 Throughout the term of this Agreement, the quality of the technology, equipment, facilities, processes, and techniques (including, without limitation, such new architecture, equipment, facilities, and interfaces as BellSouth may deploy) that BellSouth provides to AT&T under this

Agreement must be at least equal in quality to that provided by BellSouth to itself and its affiliates. The service standards, measurements and performance incentives applicable to the interfaces are set forth in Attachment 9 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.

- 1.7 AT&T and BellSouth will utilize standard industry formats and data elements developed by the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions ("ATIS"), including without limitation to the Ordering and Billing Forum ("OBF") ("ATIS and its associated committees"). Where standard industry formats and data elements are not developed by ATIS and its associated committees, AT&T and BellSouth will use the Change Control Process to address the specific format or data element requirements. When an ATIS and its associated committees standard or format is subsequently adopted, the Parties will utilize the Change Control Process to determine whether to continue to utilize the non-ATIS and its associated committees standard or format and when to implement the ATIS and its associated committees standard or format.

- 1.8 Subscription Functions. In cases where BellSouth performs subscription functions for an inter-exchange carrier [i.e., PIC, and LPIC changes via Customer Account Record Exchange ("CARE")], BellSouth will provide the affected inter-exchange carriers with the Operating Company Number ("OCN") of the local provider for the purpose of obtaining end user billing account and other end user information required under subscription requirements.

2 Pre-ordering

- 2.1 BellSouth shall provide access to the following pre-ordering functions: service address validation, telephone number selection, service and feature availability, due date information, dispatch and available installation appointments, PIC options for intraLATA and interLATA toll, loop qualification information and end user record information.
- 2.2 BellSouth shall provide AT&T with non-discriminatory access to the loop qualification information that is available to BellSouth, so that AT&T can make an independent judgment about whether the loop is capable of supporting the advanced services equipment that AT&T intends to install. Loop qualification information is defined as information, such as the composition of the loop material, including but not limited to: fiber optics or copper; the existence, location and type of any electronic or other equipment on the loop, including but not limited

to, digital loop carrier or other remote concentration devices, feeder/distribution interfaces, bridge taps, load coils, pair-gain devices, disturbers in the same or adjacent binder groups; the loop length, including the length and location of each type of transmission media; the wire gauge(s) of the loop; and the electrical parameters of the loop, which may determine the suitability of the loop for various technologies.

- 2.3 BellSouth and AT&T will provide access to customer service record information where the Parties have the appropriate written authorization from the customer. Neither Party shall be required to present prior written authorization from each customer to the other Party before being allowed access to customer record information. Each Party will issue the other a blanket letter of authorization that states that AT&T and BellSouth will obtain the customer's permission before accessing customer records. Each Party shall retain the letters of authorization from its end users. If BellSouth desires to request a Customer Service Record ("CSR") for an AT&T customer, BellSouth is required to complete a Customer Service Information Query ("CSIQ") form and send via facsimile to AT&T. AT&T will accept CSR requests from BellSouth as acting agent for the customer (BellSouth should retain Letter of Authorization ("LOA") on file). AT&T will provide the CSR and return via facsimile both the CSIQ form and the CSR within 48 hours or 2 business days, if the first of the two days falls on a Friday or a holiday. The provisioning of local service for the territory served by BellSouth is handled by AT&T's work center located in Atlanta, Georgia. The work center's facsimile telephone number is (404) 329-2169. Voice inquiries on the CSIQ should be directed to (404) 982-6611.

3 Ordering and Provisioning

- 3.1 BellSouth will recognize AT&T as the customer of record for services ordered by AT&T pursuant to this Agreement and will send all notices, invoices and pertinent information directly to AT&T. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, AT&T shall be the single and sole point of contact for all AT&T end users.
- 3.2 Each Party shall refer all questions regarding the other Party's services or products directly to the other Party at a telephone number specified by the other Party. Each Party shall ensure that all their representatives who receive inquiries regarding the other Party's services or products: (i) provide such numbers to callers who inquire about the other Party's services or products; and (ii) do not in any way

disparage or discriminate against the other Party, or its products or services.

- 3.3 BellSouth will provide access to ordering and provisioning functions via the interfaces as set forth in Section 1.1 of this Attachment 7. To order the services, AT&T will format the service request pursuant to the requirements of the interface utilized.
- 3.4 AT&T may submit, and BellSouth will accept, orders for Services and Elements on a single service request per end user account.
- 3.5 Currently all telecommunications services for resale; unbundled network elements, and interconnection are requested via BellSouth's Local Service Request ("LSR"). The exception to this is an industry wide exception dealing with ordering interconnection local trunking which is ordered on an Access Service Request ("ASR"). Ordering procedures are as outlined in the ordering guide posted on the web. Changes or additions to ordering procedures resulting from new Services and Elements shall be provided to AT&T through its account team and BellSouth's Internet website and shall comply with Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 3.6 BellSouth shall provide all ordering and provisioning services to AT&T during the same business hours of operation that BellSouth provisions service to its affiliates or end users. Ordering and provisioning support required by AT&T outside of these hours will be considered outside of normal business hours and will be subject to overtime billing.
- 3.7 If AT&T requests that BellSouth perform provisioning services at times or on days other than as required in the preceding sentence, BellSouth shall provide AT&T a quote for such services consistent with the provisions set forth in Exhibit A of Attachment 2 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 3.8 To ensure the most efficient use of facilities and resources, orders placed in the hold or pending status by AT&T will be held for a maximum of thirty (30) days from the date the order is placed on hold. After such time, if AT&T wishes to reinstate an order, AT&T may be required to submit a new service order.
- 3.9 Upon request from AT&T, and consistent with the provisions set forth in Attachment 2 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference, BellSouth will provide an intercept referral message for any

order for Services and Elements which include any new AT&T telephone number.

- 3.10 BellSouth will provide AT&T with a Firm Order Confirmation ("FOC") in compliance with the provisions of Attachment 9 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference. The FOC will provide AT&T with the BellSouth order number, the negotiated service due date, telephone/circuit numbers (as applicable to the service). Additional specific data may also be provided, if appropriate.
- 3.11 AT&T will specify on each order its Desired Due Date ("DDD") for completion of that particular order. BellSouth shall not complete the order prior to DDD unless early turn-up is needed for testing purposes. BellSouth will notify AT&T if the DDD cannot be met. BellSouth will make best effort to meet the DDD for service requests.
- 3.12 If, during the provisioning visit to the AT&T end user premises, the AT&T end user requests additional work, BellSouth will contact AT&T for authorization to perform said work; will provide an estimate of time and materials required; will quote time and charges at the completion of the visit; and will notify AT&T if a subsequent visit is required.
- 3.13 Expedite and Escalation Procedures:
- 3.14 Requests for due dates that are earlier than the BellSouth offered date will be treated as an expedite request. In order to request an expedited due date, AT&T must request the expedite through the appropriate BellSouth service center on the appropriate service request form. The BellSouth service center will coordinate the request internally with the appropriate groups within BellSouth in order to establish the date BellSouth will target as the offered date. The BellSouth service center will advise AT&T of this date on the FOC. If the date on the FOC does not meet AT&T's expedited request, AT&T may escalate to the appropriate center. BellSouth may bill expedite charges for expedited due date and will advise AT&T of any charges at the time the offered date is provided. BellSouth will provide an escalation list to AT&T containing the names and numbers of the appropriate personnel escalations are to be referred.
- 3.15 When AT&T orders Services and Elements pursuant to this Agreement, BellSouth shall provide notification electronically of any instances when (1) BellSouth's Committed Due Dates are in jeopardy of not being met by BellSouth on any service, (2) an order contains Rejections/Errors in any of the data element(s) fields, or (3) completion

notice. When AT&T orders Services and Elements pursuant to this Agreement manually, BellSouth shall provide notification in the same manner in which it was sent of any instances when an order contains Rejections/Errors in any of the data element(s) fields. Any other notification or request for manual orders shall be available through BellSouth's Internet web site. Such notice will be made as soon as the jeopardy or reject is identified.

- 3.16 BellSouth and AT&T will perform co-operative testing (including trouble shooting to isolate problems) to test any Services and Elements purchased by AT&T pursuant to this Agreement in order to identify any performance problems identified at turn-up of the Services and Elements.
- 3.17 Where BellSouth provides installation on behalf of AT&T, BellSouth shall advise the AT&T end user to notify AT&T immediately if the AT&T end user requests a service change at the time of installation.
- 3.18 Upon AT&T's request through a Suspend/Restore Order, BellSouth shall suspend or restore the functionality of any Services and Elements provided pursuant to this Agreement.
- 3.19 Unless otherwise ordered by AT&T, when AT&T orders Services and Elements pursuant to this Agreement, all pre-assigned trunk or telephone numbers currently associated with those Services and Elements shall be retained without loss of switched based features where such features exist. AT&T shall be responsible for ensuring that associated functions (e.g., entries to databases and 911/E911 capability) are properly ordered or retained on the service request.

3.20 DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL:

For the currently combined loop-port combination, BellSouth shall establish an unbundled network element infrastructure to support the ordering of local service utilizing BellSouth's NIDs, loops, switching and interoffice transport.

The UNE-Platform will consist of two orders sent from AT&T to BellSouth; the first is the footprint combination order, and the second is the end user UNE-P combination order.

The footprint combination order shall instruct BellSouth to establish the common equipment necessary to provide local

service from a given central office. AT&T will transmit one footprint order for each BellSouth central office.

The end user UNE-P order shall request that BellSouth provide a NID, loop, and vertical switching features for a specific AT&T local customer. The order shall include all customer specific custom calling and blocking features, along with directory listing information.

BST PROPOSAL:

[BST TO PROVIDE PROPOSAL]

4 Maintenance

4.1 BellSouth shall perform maintenance functions for all Services and Elements provided pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Attachment 7 and as set forth in the Operational Understanding between BellSouth and AT&T Maintenance Centers ("Operational Understanding"), incorporated herein by this reference.

4.2 BellSouth shall provide AT&T with access to maintenance and repair function through its TAFI and EBI/ECTA interfaces.

4.2.1 DISAGREE

AT&T PROPOSAL: The functionality provided through the EBI/ECTA interface shall be the same as that provided through the TAFI interface, as detailed in Section 4.2.2 below of this Attachment 7.

BST PROPOSAL: The functionality provided through the EBI/ECTA interface shall be as set forth in the adopted applicable national standards.

4.2.2 When providing repair service for an AT&T end user, the TAFI interface shall allow AT&T personnel to: (i) enter a trouble ticket into the BellSouth maintenance system; (ii) track the current status on all AT&T end user repair tickets; (iii) receive "estimated time to repair" on a real time basis; (iv) if the trouble is feature related, display a list of the products and services that are programmed on a resold line or loop/port combination; (v) cause TAFI to perform an electronic test at the time of ticket entry and to display the test results on the screen; (vi) display pending orders associated with a resold line or loop/port

combination; (vii) view the LMOS trouble report; (viii) query the switch serving the resold line or loop/port combination and view the current central office translations associated with said line or combination; (ix) view both abbreviated and extended trouble histories for a resold line or loop/port combination record in LMOS; (x) view the end user's resold line or loop/port combination record in LMOS; (xi) if the trouble is feature related, add or delete features to a resold line or loop/port combination; and (xii) route a repair ticket to the appropriate BellSouth work group for trouble handling (e.g., field dispatch, central office dispatch, further analysis of trouble by BellSouth personnel).

- 4.3 BellSouth service technicians shall provide to AT&T end users repair service that is at least equal in quality to that provided to BellSouth end users and trouble calls from AT&T shall receive response time priority that is at least equal to that of BellSouth end users and shall be handled on a "first come first served" basis regardless of whether the end user is an AT&T end user or a BellSouth end user.
- 4.4 For services provided through resale, BellSouth agrees to provide AT&T with scheduled maintenance for residence and small business end users consistent with the Operational Understanding. BellSouth agrees to provide AT&T written notification of Central Office conversions and such conversions consistent with the Operational Understanding.
- 4.5 Maintenance charges for premises visits by BellSouth technicians shall be billed by AT&T to its end user, and not by BellSouth. The BellSouth technician shall, (i) contact AT&T for authorization, (ii) provide an estimate of time and materials required, (iii) quote time and charges at the completion of the repair visit to the end user, (iv) notify AT&T if a subsequent visit is required. BellSouth will bill maintenance charges for premises visits to AT&T.
- 4.6 When maintenance charges are incurred during premises visits, the BellSouth technician shall present the end user with a form that is consistent with Section 19 of the General Terms and Conditions of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference, detailing the time spent, the materials used, and an indication that the trouble has either been resolved, or that additional work will be necessary, in which case, BellSouth technician shall make an additional appointment with the end user. The BellSouth technician shall obtain the end user's signature upon said form, and then use the signed form to input maintenance charges into BellSouth's billing database. **[BellSouth will provide AT&T with electronic notice of the applicable time**

and material charges agreed to by the end user at the time of repair ticket closure. The time and material charges are to be itemized by time spent, cost per hour, price of each material used, and total for the maintenance charges.] [OPEN-BST]

- 4.7 [BellSouth shall provide AT&T with prior notification, when possible, in the event that a BellSouth repair person is unable to keep a scheduled repair visit. If prior notice is not given and a scheduled repair visit is missed, then BellSouth shall notify AT&T within two (2) hours that the repair visit was missed.] [OPEN-BST]**

5 Operational Readiness Test ("ORT")

- 5.1 Prior to initial live access to interface functionality and subject to mutual agreement, the Parties shall conduct Operational Readiness Testing ("ORT") which will allow for the testing of the systems, interfaces, and processes for the OSS functions.**
- 5.2 For each OSS training class offered by BellSouth, AT&T shall receive at no cost, one seat per class per year. Job aids for updates to such OSS training information are available to AT&T on the BST Website**
- 5.3 Prior to live system usage, AT&T will complete user education classes for BellSouth-provided interfaces that affect the BellSouth network.**

6 [Joint Implementation Agreement Development]

- 6.1 AT&T and BellSouth agree to develop a project plan for each interface that explicitly identifies all essential activities, sequence and interrelationship of these activities and the target completion dates for each activity identified. The project plans will reflect, on an on-going basis, delivery of target interfaces as discussed and agreed to within each preceding section.**
- 6.2 AT&T and BellSouth recognize that the preceding project plans are not sufficient to fully resolve all technical and operational details related to the interfaces described. Therefore, AT&T and BellSouth agree to document the additional technical and operational details in the form of a Joint Implementation Agreement ("JIA"), according to the industry standards established by OBF These JIAs may be modified by mutual agreement of the Parties.**

6.3 AT&T and BellSouth agree to document both a topical outline for the JIA's, and establish a schedule for identifying, discussing, resolving and documenting resolution of issues related to each aspect of the JIA topical outline for each interface discussed in this document. In no case will either end-to-end integrity testing or load testing begin without both Parties mutually agreeing that each interface JIA documents the intended operation of the interface scheduled for testing. By mutual agreement, specific paragraphs or entire sections of the overall Agreement may be identified and documented to serve the purpose described for the Joint Implementation Agreement for specific interfaces. Any issues identified and subsequently resolved through either the end-to-end integrity or load testing processes will be incorporated into the impacted interface JIA within thirty (30) days of issue resolution.

Performance measurements shall be established pursuant to Attachment 9 of this Agreement, incorporated herein by this reference.] [OPEN-AT&T]

Attachment 7
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1.0	04/14/98		Initial issue.
1.2	2/28/00	All	<p>The EICCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple Change Request Types (CLEC Initiated, BST Initiated, Industry Standards, Regulatory and System Outages) - Incorporated manual process - Defined cycle times for process intervals and notifications - Defect Notification process - Escalation Process - Modified Change Control forms to support process changes - Changed EICCP to CCP
1.3	3/14/00	All	<p>The CCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type 6 Change Request, CLEC Impacting Defect - Increased number of participants at Change Review meetings - Changed cycle time for Types 2-5 Step 3 from 20 days to 15 days - Defined Step 4 of the Defect Notification process to include communicating the workaround to the CLEC community - Web Site address for Change Control Process - Notification regarding the Retirement and

			<p>Introduction of new interfaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New status codes for Defect Change Requests - New status codes: 'S' for Scheduled Change Requests and 'I' for Implemented Change Requests (types 2-5 Change Requests) - Removed reference to EDI Helpdesk. Electronic Communications Support (ECS) will be the first point of contact for Type 1 System Outages. - Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document.
1.4	4/12/00	All	<p>The CCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type 1 and 6 Notifications will be communicated to CLECs via e-mail and web posting - Step 3 Cycle Time (Types 2-5) changed from 15 business days to 20 business days - Verbiage to Step 10 (Types 2-5) regarding BellSouth presenting baseline requirements - Introduction and Retirement of New Interfaces Section - Dispute Resolution Process - Testing Environment Section - Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document - Monthly Status Meeting Agenda Template - RF1870 Change Request Form changes
1.5	4/26/00	<p>Section 1</p> <p>Section 8</p> <p>Section 11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated CCP web site address - Updated Escalation Contacts for Types 2-6 - Added definitions for Account Team and Electronic Communications Support (ECS)

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the process by which BellSouth Telecommunications (BST) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) will manage requested changes to the BellSouth Local Interfaces, the introduction of new interfaces, and provide for the identification and resolution of issues related to Change Requests. This process will cover Change Requests that affect external users of BellSouth's Electronic Interface Applications, associated manual process improvements, performance or ability to provide service including defect notification. This process shall be referred to as the Change Control Process.

All parties should recognize that deviations from this process might be warranted where unanticipated circumstances arise such that strict application of these guidelines may not result in their intended purpose. Furthermore, deviations may be required due to specific regulatory and business requirements. Parties shall provide appropriate web notification to the CLEC/BST Change Control Team participants prior to deviating from the processes established within this document. All parties will comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

The Change Control Process will cover change requests for the following interfaces and associated manual processes that have the potential to impact the interfaces connected to BellSouth:

- Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS)
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG)
- Trouble Administration Facilitation Interface (TAFI)
- Electronic Communications Trouble Administration (EC-TA) Local
- CLEC Service Order Tracking System (CSOTS)

The types of changes that will be handled by this process are as follows:

- Software
- Hardware
- Industry Standards
- Product and Services (i.e., new services available via the in-scope interfaces)
- New or Revised Edits
- Process (i.e., electronic interfaces and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance)
- Regulatory
- Documentation (i.e., business rules for electronic and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance)

- Defects

The scope of the Change Control Process **does not** include the following:

- BonaFide Requests (BFR)
- Production Support (i.e. adding new users to existing interfaces, existing users requesting first time use of existing BST functionality)
- Contractual Agreements
- Collocation
- Testing Support (i.e. negotiating/coordinating test agreements and dates)
- Issue Resolution/Questions (i.e. questions associated with interface functionality, interpreting documentation)

Change Requests of this nature will be handled through existing BellSouth processes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHANGE CONTROL PROCESS:

- Support the Industry guidelines that impact Electronic Interfaces and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance, and billing as appropriate
- Ensure continuity of business processes and systems operations
- Establish process for communicating and managing changes
- Allow for mutual impact assessment and resource planning to manage and schedule changes
- Capability to prioritize requested changes

The minimum requirements for participation in the Change Control Process electronically are:

- Word 6.0 or greater
- Excel 5.0 or greater
- Internet E-mail address
- Web access

The web site address for the Change Control Process is as follows:

<http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/>

Select "Local Exchange Carriers"

Select "Change Control Process"

2.0 CHANGE CONTROL ORGANIZATION

The Change Control organizational structure supports the Change Control Process. Each position within the organization has defined roles and responsibilities as outlined in the Change Control Process Flow - Section 4 of this document. Identified positions, along with associated roles and responsibilities are as follows:

Change Review Participants. Representatives from Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) and BellSouth. This team meets to review, prioritize, and make recommendations for Candidate Change Requests. The Candidate Change Requests are used as input to the Internal Change Management Processes (refer to process step 7).

CLECs and BellSouth will define points of contact in each of their companies for communicating and coordinating change notification. All change requests are made in writing. Notifications will be posted to the BellSouth web site.

Each company may bring the number of participants necessary to represent their position. If the number of participants grows to be unmanageable, CLECs and BellSouth will revisit the issue of representation to apply some restrictions.

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM). The BCCM is responsible for managing the Change Control Process and is the main point of contact for Types 2 – 6 changes. This individual maintains the integrity of the Change Requests, prepares for and facilitates the Change Review Meetings, presents the Pending Change Requests to the BST Internal Change Management Process, and ensures that all Notifications are communicated to the appropriate parties.

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM). The CCCM is the CLEC point of contact for Change Requests. This individual is responsible for presenting and prioritizing Change Requests at the Change Review Meetings.

Release Management Project Team. A team of CLEC and BellSouth Project Managers who manage the implementation of scheduled changes and releases.

3.0 CHANGE CONTROL DECISION PROCESS

Change requests will be classified by Type. There are six Types:

Type 1 – System Outage

A Type 1 change is a BellSouth System Outage. A System Outage is where the system is totally unusable or there is degradation in an existing feature or functionality within the interface. If the System Outage is not resolved within 20 minutes, a notification will be provided via e-mail and posted to the web within one hour. Either BellSouth or a CLEC may initiate the change request. Type 1 system outages will be processed on an expedited basis. All Type 1 System Outages will be reported to the Electronic Communications Support (ECS) Help Desk. A Type 1 System Outage is a condition where the CLEC Pre-Orders/Orders/Queries/Maintenance Requests cannot be submitted or will not be accepted by BellSouth.

Type 2 – Regulatory Change.

Any non-Type 1 change to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems mandated by regulatory or legal entities, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a state commission/authority, or state and federal courts are Type 2 changes. Regulatory changes are not voluntary but are requisite to comply with newly passed legislation, regulatory requirements, or court rulings. While timely compliance is required, the systems requirements and methodology to achieve compliance are usually discretionary and within the scope of change management. Either BellSouth or a CLEC may initiate the change request.

Type 3 – Industry Standard Change.

Any non-Type 1 change to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems required to bring these interfaces in line with newly agreed upon telecommunications industry guidelines are Type 3 changes. Either BellSouth or a CLEC may initiate the change request.

Type 4 – BellSouth Initiated Change.

Any non-Type 1 change affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems which BellSouth desires to implement on its own accord. These changes might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business processes. These type changes might also include issues for Pre-Orders, Orders, Queries, and Maintenance Requests that can be submitted and accepted, but may require clarification. This classification does not include changes imposed upon these interfaces by third parties such as regulatory bodies (which are Type 2 Changes) or standards organizations (which are Type 3 Changes).

Type 5 – CLEC Initiated Change.

Any non-Type 1 change affecting interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems which the CLEC requests BellSouth to implement is a Type 5 change. These changes might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business processes. These type changes might also include issues for Pre-Orders, Orders, Queries, and Maintenance Requests that can be submitted and accepted, but may require clarification. This classification does not include changes imposed upon these interfaces by third parties such as regulatory bodies (which are Type 2 Changes) or standards organizations (which are Type 3 Changes).

Type 6- CLEC Impacting Defects.

Any non-Type 1 change where a CLEC Impacting defect is found in a production environment when the system is not operating as specified in the baselined business requirements. The CLEC and/or BellSouth may initiate these types of changes affecting interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems. These type changes might also include issues for Pre-Orders, Orders, Queries, and Maintenance Requests that can be submitted and accepted, but may require workarounds or clarification.

Figure 3-1 shows the top-level process that will be used to evaluate Change Requests. The BellSouth Account Team(s) will handle BFR requests and production support issues. Enhancements and defects will be handled through the Change Control Process.

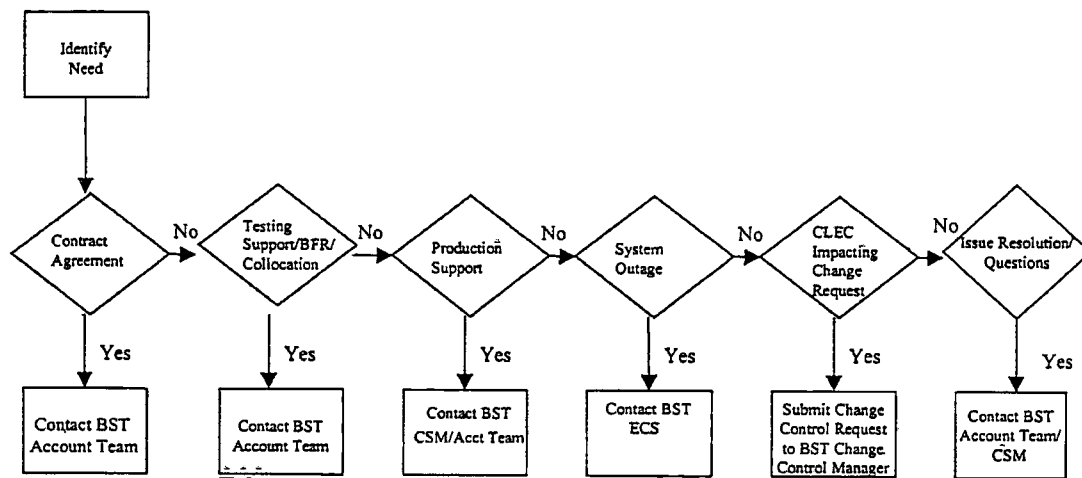


Figure 3-1. Change Control Decision Process

4.0 CHANGE CONTROL PROCESS FLOW

The following two sub-sections describe the process flows for typical Type 1 through Type 5 changes. Each sub-section will describe the cycle times for an activity and document accountability, sub-process activities, inputs and outputs for each step in the process. Section 5 of this document describes the process flow for Type 6 changes. Based on the categorization of the request, the following diagram will help guide a CLEC or BellSouth representative to the appropriate process flow based on Change Control Request Type:

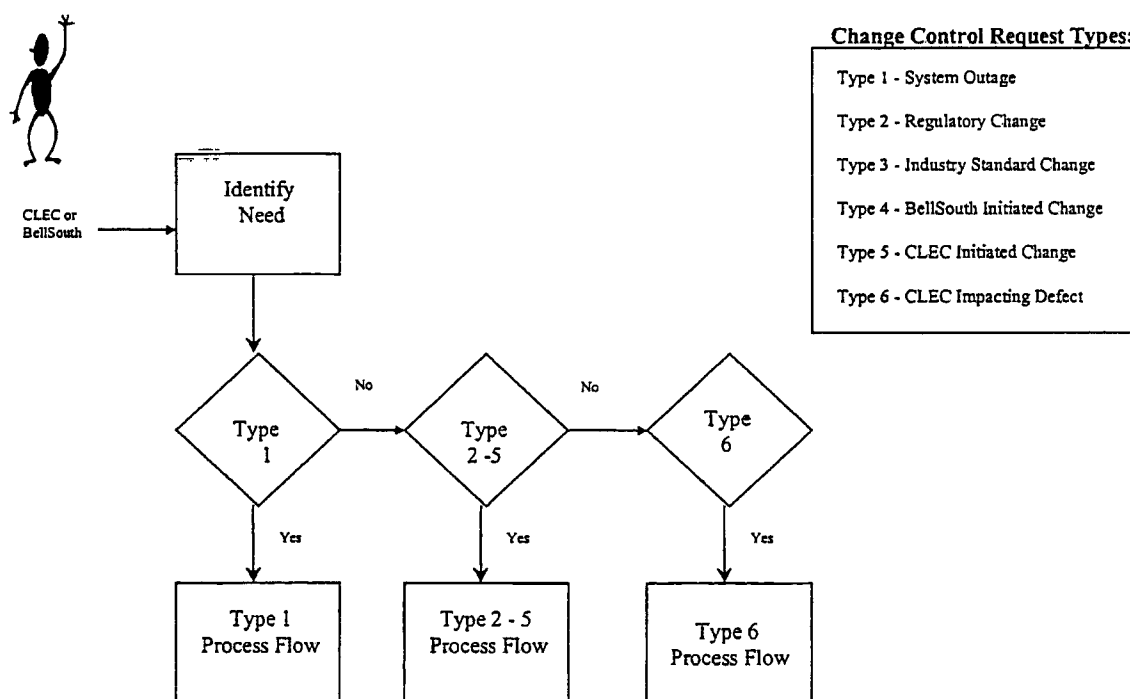


Figure 4-1. Change Control Process Flow

Part 1 - Type 1 Process Flow

Figure 4-2 provides the process flow for resolving a typical Type 1 - System Outage. The Electronic Communications Support (ECS) Group will work with the CLEC community to resolve and communicate information about system outages in a timely manner - actual cycle times are documented in table 4-1 and the sub-process steps. The ECS Helpdesk number is 888-462-8030.

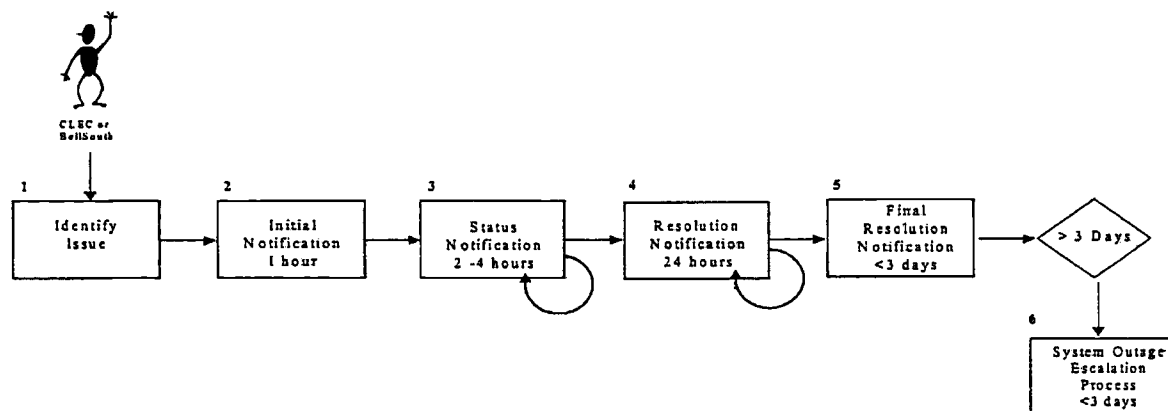


Figure: 4-2. Type 1 Process Flow

Table 4-1 describes the cycle times for each process step that is outlined in the Type 1 - System Outage Process Flow. These cycle times represent typical timeframes for completing the documented step and producing the desired output for the step. In sub-process step 2 "Initial Notification" timeframe for completing this step does not begin until after the outage has been reported. The sub-process steps 3 "Status Notification" and 4 "Resolution Notification" are iterative steps. Iterative steps will be performed one or more times until the exit criteria for that process are met. If resolution is not reached within 20 minutes, BellSouth will provide the initial notification to the CLEC community via e-mail and post outage information on the web.

Table 4-1. Type 1 Cycle Times

Process Description	1 Identify Issue	2 Initial Notification	3 Status Notification	4 Resolution Notification	5 Final Resolution Notification	6 Escalation
Cycle Time	N/A	1 hour E-mail & BST Website will be posted if outage exceeds 20 minutes	2 - 4 hours (Iterative)	24 hours (Iterative)	< 3 days	> 3 days System Outage Escalation Process

Note: The Escalation Process may be used at any time within Steps 3-6 if cycle times are not met and/or responses are not acceptable.

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, the inputs/outputs and the cycle time of each sub-process in the Type 1 Process Flow. This process will be used to capture and communicate system outage information, status notification(s), resolution and notification(s), and final resolution to the CLEC community. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

Table 4-2. Type 1 Detail Process Flow

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
1	CCCM ECS	IDENTIFY ISSUE: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Internally determine if outage exists with BellSouth Electronic Interface. (The CLEC should perform internal outage resolution activities to determine if the potential problem involves the BellSouth Electronic Interface). Call the BST Electronic Communications Support (ECS) help desk at 888-462-8030. ECS and individual CLEC will determine if the problem is likely to have no impact on the industry. If there is no impact, the outage will be worked on a bilateral basis. ECS will record and track the outage. 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue Characteristics Call to ECS Helpdesk OUTPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded Outage 	N/A
2	ECS	INITIAL NOTIFICATION: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ECS will post to the Web an Initial Industry Notification that a BellSouth Electronic Interface outage has been identified. An e-mail to the CLECs participating in Change Control will also be distributed. The CLEC initiating the Type 1 System Outage will need to be available for communications on an as needed basis. ECS will continue to work towards the resolution of the problem If outage is resolved, this notice is the first and final notification. The 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recorded Outage OUTPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry Notification posted on Web E-mail to CLECs participating in Change Control 	1 Hour If System Outage is not resolved within 20 minutes, a notification will be sent to CLECs via e-mail and posted to the web.

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		process for the item has ended. Outage Information will be reported in the monthly status meeting by the BCCM.		
3	ECS	<u>STATUS NOTIFICATION: (ITERATIVE)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If the outage is not resolved, ECS will continue to work towards the resolution on the problem. 2. ECS may communicate with the industry / affected parties. The following information may be discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification of outage • Current status of resolution • Agreement of resolution 3. If a resolution has not been identified continue giving status notifications to the industry and continue repeating Step 3 "Status Notification" via the web. 4. Proceed to Step 4 "Resolution Notification" when a resolution has been identified. 	<u>INPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry Notification posted on Web <u>OUTPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Notification posted on Web • Resolution information 	2-4 hour intervals
4	ECS BCCM	<u>RESOLUTION NOTIFICATION: (ITERATIVE)</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The resolution notification is posted to the Web. 2. If the item is determined to be a defect, the CLEC that initiated the call will submit a "Change Request Form" checking the defect box. 3. If the resolution is not the final resolution the process will loop back to Step 3 "Status Notification". BellSouth will continue to work towards the final resolution. 4. When the final resolution has been created, proceed to Step 5 "Final Resolution Notification". 	<u>INPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status Notification posted on Web • Resolution information <u>OUTPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution Information posted on Web • Final Resolution Information 	24 hours after reporting outage
5		<u>FINAL RESOLUTION NOTIFICATION:</u>	<u>INPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Resolution 	< 3 days

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
	ECS	1. The final resolution notification is posted on the Web.	Information <u>OUTPUTS:</u> • Final Resolution Notification	
6	CCCM ECS	<u>ESCALATION</u> 1. Escalation is appropriate anytime the interval exceeds the recommended guidelines for notification. 2. Refer to the Type 1 - Escalation Process documented in Section 7.	<u>INPUTS:</u> • Information or concern relating to a Type 1 - Systems Outage <u>OUTPUTS:</u> • Documented Escalation • Escalation Response	> 3 days (The Escalation Process may be used at any time within Steps 3-6 if cycle times are not met and/or responses are not acceptable.)

Part 2 – Types 2-5 Process Flow

Figure 4-3 provides the process flow for reviewing, scheduling and implementing a typical Type 2-5 Change Request. The process diagram applies to Change Requests submitted via the Change Control Process. Change Requests should be submitted to the BellSouth Change Control Manager using the standard Change Request form template. This template can be acquired on the Change Control web page.

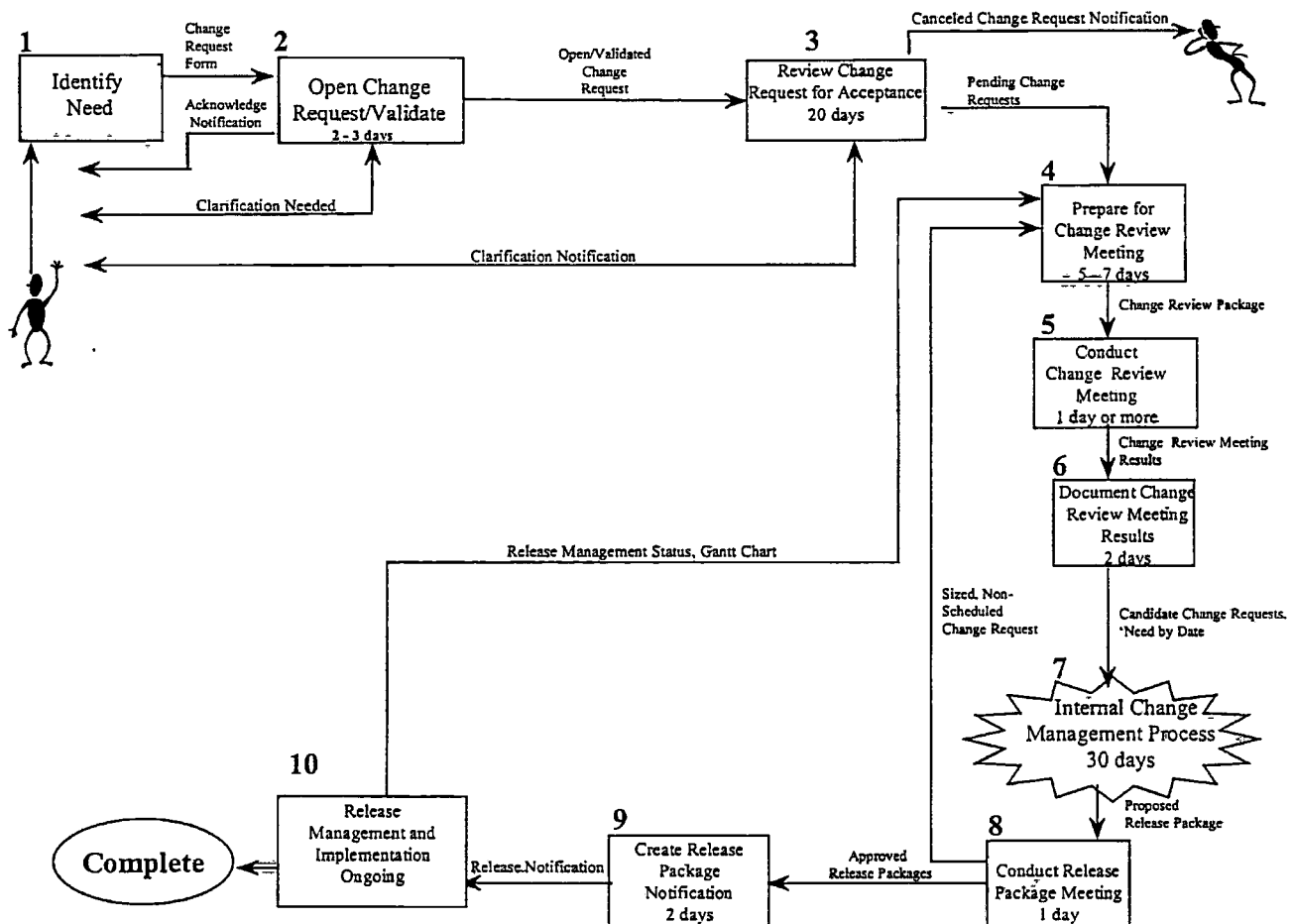


Figure 4-3. Change Control Process Flow

Based on the process flow outlined above:

- Software Release Notifications will be provided 30 days or more in advance of the implementation date.
- Documentation changes will be provided 30 days or more in advance of implementation date.
- CLEC notification of documentation updates (non-system changes) will be posted 5 (five) business days in advance of documentation posting date.

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, inputs/outputs and cycle times of each sub-process in the Change Control process. This process will be used to develop Candidate Change Requests that will be used as input to the Internal Change Management Process. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

Table 4-3. Types 2-5 Detail Process Flow

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
1	CCCM BCCM	IDENTIFY NEED <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Internally determine need for change request. These change requests might involve system enhancements, manual and/or business process changes. 2. Originator and CCCM or BCCM should complete the standardized Change Request Form according to Checklist. 3. Attach related requirements and specification documents. (See Attachment A-1A, Item 22) 4. Appropriate CCCM/BCCM submits Change Request Form and related information via e-mail to BellSouth. 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Request Form (Attachment A-1) • Change Request Form Checklist (Attachment A-1A) OUTPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Change Request Form with related documentation 	N/A
2	BCCM	OPEN CHANGE REQUEST/VALIDATE CHANGE REQUEST FOR COMPLETENESS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Log Request in Change Request Log. 2. Send Acknowledgement Notification (Attachment A-3) via e-mail to originator. 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Change Request Form with related documentation • Change Request Form Checklist • Change Request 	2-3 Bus Days Clarification times would be in addition to cycle time.

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Establish request status ('N' for New Request) Review change request for mandatory fields using the Change Request Form Checklist. Verify Change Request specifications and related information exists. Send Clarification Notification via email to the originator (Attachment A-4) if needed. Update Change Request Status to "PC" for Pending Clarification if clarification is needed. <p>CLEC or BellSouth Originator If clarification is needed, make necessary corrections per Clarification Notification and submit Change Request Clarification Response (Attachment A-2).</p>	<p>Clarification Response</p> <p>OUTPUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Change Request Acknowledgment Notification Validated Change Request Clarification Notification Industry Notification posted on web 	
3	BCCM	<p>REVIEW CHANGE REQUEST FOR ACCEPTANCE</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review Change Request and related information for content. Determine status of request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If change already exists or training issue forward Cancellation Notification (Attachment A-3) to CECM or BCCM and update status to 'C' for Request Canceled or 'CT' for Training. If Training issue, refer to CSM or Account Team. If Change Request Clarification Notification not received, validate with CLEC that change request is no longer needed. If request is accepted, update Change Request status to "P" for Pending in Change Request Log. If a request is not accepted, update change request status to 'CB' for "Cancelled BellSouth" and provide notification and explanation to originator. 	<p>INPUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Change Request Validated Change Request Clarification Notification (if required) <p>OUTPUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending Change Request Clarification Notification (if required) Cancellation Notification (if required) CR status updated on web 	20 Bus Days

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		<p>NOTE: See Section 9.0 Terms and Definitions – Change Request Status for valid status codes and descriptions.</p> <p>3. Change Request reviewed for impacted areas (i.e., system, manual process, documentation) and adverse impacts.</p> <p>4. BST may reject the change request based on the following reasons: cost/benefit, resource commitments, industry direction or BellSouth direction and will provide notification to the originating party.</p>		
4	BCCM CCCM	<p><u>PREPARE FOR CHANGE REVIEW MEETING</u></p> <p>NOTE: These activities take place to prepare for Change review meetings when prioritizations take place.</p> <p><u>BCCM</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare an agenda. 2. Make meeting preparations. 3. Update Change Request Log with current status for new and existing Change Requests. 4. Prepare and post Change Request Log to web. <p><u>CCCM</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Analyze Pending Change Requests. 2. Determine priorities for change requests and establish "Desired/Want" dates. 3. Create draft Priority List to prepare for Change Review meeting. 	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pending Change Request Notifications • Project Release Status (Step 10) • Change Request Log <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Request Log • CLEC Draft Priority List 	5-7 Bus Days
5	BCCM CCCM	<p><u>CONDUCT CHANGE REVIEW MEETING</u></p> <p><u>Monthly Status Meetings</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate regulatory mandates. 2. Review status of pending/approved Change Requests (including defects) at monthly status meeting. 3. Review current Release Management 	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Request Log • CLEC Draft Priority List • Desired/Want Dates • Impact analysis <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes • Updated Change Request 	<p>1 Bus Day (or as needed based on volume)</p> <p>Meeting Day</p>

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		<p>statuses.</p> <p><u>Prioritization Meetings (held as needed based on published release schedule)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Follow Steps 1-3 from Monthly Status Meetings. 2. Initiators present Change Requests. 3. Discuss Impacts. 4. Prioritize Change Requests. 5. Develop final Candidate Requests list of Pending Change Requests by interface, 'Need by Dates' and prioritized Change Requests. 6. Update Change Request Log to 'CRC' for Change Review Complete, 'RC' for Candidate Request List, as appropriate. 7. Review issues and action items and assign owners. 	<p>Log</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Change Request List • Issues and Actions Items (if required) 	
6	BCCM	<p><u>DOCUMENT CHANGE REVIEW MEETING RESULTS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare and distribute outputs from Step 5. 	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change Request Log • Final Candidate Request List <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Change Request Log • Web posting of meeting output 	2 Bus Days
7	BCCM CCCM	<p><u>INTERNAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT PROCESS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both BellSouth and CLECs will perform analysis, impact, sizing and estimating activities only to the Candidate Change Requests that meet the criteria established by the Internal Change Management Process. This ensures that participating parties are reviewing capacity and impacts to schedules before assigning resources to activities. 	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate Change Request List with agreed upon 'Need by Dates' • Change Request Log <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BellSouth's Proposed Release Package 	30 Bus Days

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
8	BCCM CCCM	CONDUCT RELEASE PACKAGE MEETING <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prepare agenda. 2. Make meeting preparations. 3. Evaluate proposed release schedule. 4. Non-scheduled Change Requests returned to Step 4 as Input for the "Prepare for Change Review Meeting" process. 5. Based on BST/CLEC consensus create Approved Release Package. 6. Identify Release Management Project Manager, if possible. 7. Establish date for initial Release Management Project Meeting. 8. All Change Requests that are in the approved scheduled release will be changed to "S" status for "Scheduled". 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BellSouth's Proposed Release Package • BellSouth's Release Schedule • Change Request Log OUTPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Release Package • Updated Change Request Log • Meeting Minutes • Scheduled Change Requests • Non-Scheduled Change Requests (Return to Step 4) • Date for initial Release Management Project Meeting 	1 Bus Day
9	BCCM	CREATE RELEASE PACKAGE NOTIFICATION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop and distribute Release Notification Package via web. 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Release Package OUTPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release Package Notification 	2 Bus Days after Release Package Mtg.
10	BCCM (Project Managers from each participating company)	RELEASE MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide Project Management and Implementation of Release (See Release Management @ Appendix B). 2. Lead Project Manager communicates Release Management Project status to BCCM for inclusion in Monthly Status Meetings. 3. BellSouth Business Requirements will be presented to CLECs. If needed, changes will be incorporated and requirements re-baselined. 4. Once a Change Request is implemented in a release, the status will be changed to "I" for Change Implemented. 	INPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Release Package Notification OUTPUTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Release Status • Implementation Date • Project Plan, Work Breakdown Schedule, Risk Assessment, Executive Summary, etc • Implemented Change Request 	Ongoing

Step	Accountability	<u>Sub-processes</u> Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time

5.0 DEFECT NOTIFICATION PROCESS

A CLEC identified defect will enter this process through the Change Management Team. If the defect is validated internally, it will route through this process, and notification provided to the CLEC community via e-mail and web posting. CLEC Notification of documentation updates (non-system changes) will be posted 5 (five) business days in advance of documentation posting date.

Figure 5-1 provides the process flow for the validation and resolution of a Type 6 Change – CLEC Impacting Defect.

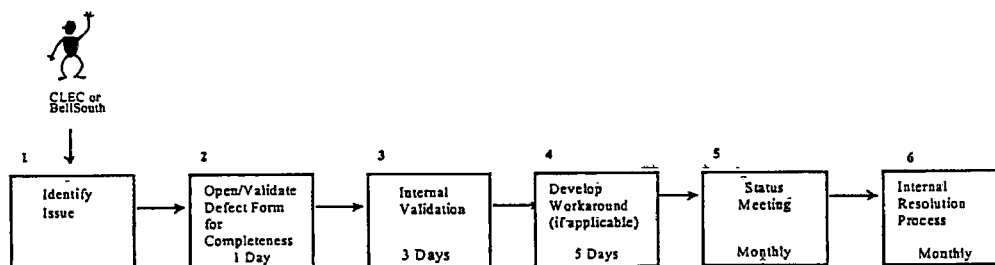


Figure 5-1. Type 6 Process Flow

The table below details the steps, accountable individuals, tasks, inputs/outputs and cycle times of each sub-process in the Type 6 Process Flow. This process will be used to validate defects, provide defect and status notification(s), workarounds and final resolution to the CLEC community. Steps shown in the table are sequential unless otherwise indicated.

Table 5-1. Type 6 Detail Process Flow

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
1	CCCM BCCM	<u>IDENTIFY NEED</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identify Defect. Originator and CCCM or BCCM should complete the standardized Change Request Form indicating that it is a defect. Attach related requirements and specification documents. These attachments should include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PON OCN Specific Scenario Interface(s) affected Error message (if applicable) Release or API version (if applicable) Appropriate CCCM/BCCM submits Change Request Form and related information via e-mail to BellSouth Change Management Team. 	<u>INPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change Request with defect indicated <u>OUTPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Change Request Form (with related documentation if necessary) 	N/A
2	BCCM	<u>OPEN & VALIDATE DEFECT FORM FOR COMPLETENESS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Log Defect in Change Request Log. Send Acknowledgment Notification via email to initiating CLEC. Establish Defect status ('N' for New Defect). BCCM reviews change request for mandatory fields using the Change Request Form Checklist. Verify Defect specifications and related information exists. Send Clarification Notification via email to the originator if needed. Update Defect Status to 'PC' for Pending Clarification if clarification is 	<u>INPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Change Request Form (with related documentation if necessary) <u>OUTPUTS:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Defect Acknowledgment Notification Clarification Notification (if required) 	1 Bus Day

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		needed. If clarification is needed, CLEC or BST originator makes necessary corrections per Clarification Notification and submits via email <u>Defect Clarification Response</u> .		
3	BCCM	<p>INTERNAL VALIDATION</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Validate that it is a defect. 2. Perform internal defect analysis. 3. Determine status of request: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If change already exists or training issue forward Cancellation Notification to CCCM or BCCM and update status to 'C' for Request Cancelled or 'CT' for Training. If Training issue, refer to CSM or Account Team. • Send Clarification Notification via email if needed and update status to 'PC' for Pending Clarification. • If Change Request Clarification Notification not received, validate with CLEC that change request is no longer needed. • If request is valid, update Change Request status to 'V' for Validated Defect. • If the process is operating as specified in the baselined requirement, the "Defect Request" will be cancelled and supporting information provided via email to the originator. Update Change Request status to 'DC' for Defect Cancelled and send Cancellation Notification via email to originator. • If issue is re-classified as a feature change, update Change Request status to "P" for Pending and provide supporting information via email to the originator. <p>NOTE: See Section 9.0 Terms and Definitions – Defect Status for valid status codes and descriptions.</p> <p>Defect notification will be provided to</p>	<p>INPUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Defect <p>OUTPUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validated Defect • Defect notification to CLEC community via e-mail and web posting • Clarification Notification (if required) • Cancellation Notification (if required) 	3 Bus Days

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		CLEC community via e-mail and web posting.		
4	BCCM	<p><u>DEVELOP WORKAROUND (IF APPLICABLE)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Defect workaround identified. 2. Change Request status changed to "W" for workaround identified. 3. Workaround is communicated via e-mail to originating CLEC. 4. If appropriate, communication to the CLEC community regarding workaround will be discussed via conference call. <p>Defect workaround notification will be provided to CLEC community via e-mail and web posting.</p> <p>If it is determined that additional time is needed to develop workaround due to the complexity of the defect, notification will be provided to CLEC community via e-mail and web posting.</p>	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Validated Defect Clarification Notification (if required) <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workaround (if applicable) Clarification Notification (if required) Cancellation Notification (if required) E-mail and web posting of workaround 	5 Bus Days
5	BCCM	<p><u>MONTHLY STATUS MEETING</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide status of Defect. 2. Solicit CLEC/ BST input. 3. Update Defect information as needed. 	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defects Received Change Request Log Defect Analysis Workaround (if applicable) <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated status Updated Change Request Log Meeting minutes 	Monthly
6	BCCM	<p><u>INTERNAL RESOLUTION PROCESS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Schedule and evaluate Defects based on capacity and business impacts. 2. Update status of scheduled Defects to "S" for Scheduled. 3. Provide status and Defect Release Schedule at next Monthly Status Meeting. 	<p><u>INPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CLEC/ BST input <p><u>OUTPUTS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defect Release Schedule Scheduled Defects Implemented Defects 	Monthly

Step	Accountability	Sub-processes Activities	Inputs and Outputs	Cycle Time
		4. Update status of Implemented Defects to 'I' for Implemented.		

6.0 CHANGE REVIEW

Part 1 – Change Review Meeting

The Change Review meeting provides the forum for reviewing and prioritizing Pending Change Requests, generating Candidate Change Requests, submitting Candidate Change Requests for sizing, and reviewing the status of all release projects underway. Status update meetings will be held monthly and are open to all CLEC's. Meetings will be structured according to category (pre-order, order, and maintenance, etc.). Prioritization meetings will be scheduled to coincide with the published release schedules. For non-system impacting changes, there will be a 5 (five)-business day notice for documentation updates. The prioritization meeting dates will be communicated when the release schedule is published.

During the Change Review Meeting each originator of a Change Request will be allowed 5 (five) minutes to present their Change Request. A question and answer session not to exceed 15 minutes will follow this presentation. After all presentations for a particular interface are complete, the prioritization process will begin.

The Change Request Log will be distributed 5 - 7 (five to seven) business days prior to the Change Review meeting. A valid and complete Change Request must be received 33 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting to be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

Note: Status Meetings will occur monthly. Prioritization meetings will be scheduled to coincide with the published release schedules and will include the monthly status meeting agenda items.

Part 2 – Change Review Package

The Change Review Package will be distributed to all participants 5 – 7 (five to seven) business days prior to the Change Review meeting. The package will include the following:

- Meeting Notice
- Agenda
- Change Request Log (List of Change Requests to be reviewed)

- Reference to Change Control Process on the BST website (for CLECs not familiar with the process, new CLECs or CLECs that choose to participate after the initial rollout)
- Status Reports from each of the active Release Management Project Teams

Part 3 – Prioritizing Change Requests

Prior to the Change Review Meeting, each participating CLEC should determine priorities for change requests and establish “desired/want” dates. The CLEC should use the Preliminary Priority List form as provided via the web.

Final prioritization will be determined at the Change Review meeting after presentation of the Change Requests for each category.

Prioritization Voting Rules

- Voting on an interface not used by the CLEC is prohibited
- One vote per CLEC, per interface
- No proxy voting
- Each company may bring the number of participants necessary to represent their position. If the number of participants grow to be unmanageable, CLECs and BellSouth will revisit the issue of representation to apply some restrictions.
- Forced Ranking (1 to N, with N being the highest) will be used
- Votes will be tallied to determine order of ranking
- Changes will be ranked by category, by interface
- Manual processes and documentation will be prioritized separately; however they will need to be synchronized with the electronic interface changes
- Sizing and sequencing of prioritized change requests will begin with the top priority items and continue down through the list until the capacity constraints have been reached
- In case of a tie, the affected Changes will be re-ranked and prioritized based on the re-ranking

Example: The top 2 Changes from high to low are E5 and E2, with E1 and E4 tied for 3rd. E1 and E4 would be re-ranked and prioritized according to the re-ranking.

Pre-Order LENS	CLEC 1	CLEC 2	CLEC 3	Total
E1	3	6	1	10
E2	4	2	6	12
E3	6	1	2	9
E4	2	4	4	10
E5	5	5	3	13
E6	1	3	5	9

7.0 INTRODUCTION AND RETIREMENT OF INTERFACES

Introduction of New Interfaces

BellSouth will introduce new interfaces to the CLEC Community as part of the Change Control Process. A description of the proposed interface will be submitted to the BCCM. The BCCM will add an agenda item to discuss the new interface at the monthly status meeting. BellSouth will be given 30 – 45 minutes to present information on the proposed interface. If BellSouth requests additional time for the presentation, a separate meeting will be scheduled to review the proposed interface, so that, the information can be presented in its entirety. The objective will be to identify interest in the new interface and socialize ideas. BellSouth will provide specifications on the interface being developed to the CLEC Community. As new interfaces are deployed, they will be added to the scope of this document as appropriate, based on the use by the CLEC community and requested changes will be managed by this process.

Retirement of Interfaces

The retirement of interfaces will not be part of the Change Control Process. As active interfaces are retired, BellSouth will post a CLEC Notification Letter to the web six (6) months prior to the retirement of the interface. BellSouth will have the discretion to give provide shorter notifications (30-60 days) on interfaces that are not actively used and/or have low volumes.

8.0 ESCALATION PROCESS

Guidelines

- The ability to escalate is left to the discretion of the CLEC based on the severity of the missed or unaccepted response/resolution.
- Escalations can involve issues related to the Change Control process itself.
- For change requests, the expectation is that escalation should occur only after normal Change Control procedures (e.g. communication timelines) have occurred per the Change Control agreement.
- Three levels of escalation will be used.
- For Type 1 issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a one day turnaround for each cycle of escalation.
- For Types 2-5 issues, the escalation process is agreed to allow BellSouth a five day turnaround for each cycle of escalation.
- Each level will go through the same Cycle, which is described below.
- All escalation communications may be optionally distributed by the CLEC to the industry and BellSouth Change Control e-mail unless there is a proprietary issue.

Cycle for Type 1 System Outages

Contact List for Escalation - ECS Group - Type I Changes

If the originator does not receive a call back from the EC Support Group according to the times specified in this document, they may escalate according to the following list:

Escalation Level	Name and Title	Office Number	Pager Number	Email Address
1st Level	Susan Hart Manager - EC Support Group Interconnection Operations	205-733-5393	1-800-946-4646 PIN 1436470	Susan.K.Hart@bridge.bellsouth.com
2nd Level	Bruce Smith Operations Director - EC Support Group Interconnection Operations	205-988-7211	1-800-542-3260	Bruce.Smith@bridge.bellsouth.com
3rd Level	Bill Reid Operations Assistant Vice President Interconnection Operations	205-988-1447	1-800-946-4646 PIN 1179523	Bill.C.Reid@bridge.bellsouth.com

NOTE: If a call is escalated without first attempting to contact the ECS Helpdesk, the caller will be referred back to the ECS Helpdesk.

Escalation Cycle for Types 2-6 Change Requests

- Item must be formally escalated as an e-mail sent to the appropriate escalation level within BellSouth with a copy to the industry and BellSouth Change Control e-mail.
- Subject of e-mail must be CLEC (CLEC Name) ESCALATION-CR#, if applicable, Level of Escalation, unless it is proprietary.
- Content of e-mail must include:
 - Definition and escalation of item.
 - History of item.
 - Reason for escalation.
 - Desired outcome of CLEC.
- Impact to CLEC of not meeting the desired outcome or item remaining on current course of action as previously discussed at the Change Control Meeting for enhancements.
- Contact information for appropriate Level including Name, Title, Phone Number, and E-mail ID.
- For escalation Level 2, forward original e-mail and include any additional information including the reason that the matter could not be resolved at Level 1.
- For escalation Level 3, forward original e-mail and include any additional information including the reason that the matter could not be resolved at Levels 1 and 2.
- BellSouth will reply to escalation request with acknowledgement of receipt within 4 hrs and begin the escalation process through Level of escalation.
- The escalating CLEC should respond to BellSouth within 5 days as to whether escalation will continue or the BellSouth response has been accepted as closure to the item.
- If the BellSouth position suggests a change in the current disposition of the item (i.e., what has already been communicated to the industry), a conference call will be held within 1 business day of the BellSouth decision in order to provide industry notification with the appropriate executives.

- BellSouth will publish the outcome of the conference call to the industry via web.
- If unsatisfied with an outcome, either party can seek appropriate relief.

Contact List for Escalation - Type 2 - 6 Changes

Within 5 business days of receipt (4 from acknowledgement), BellSouth Change Control appropriate executives will reply through BellSouth Change Control with BellSouth's position and explanation for that position. Escalations should be made according to the following list.

Escalation Level	Name and Title	Office Number	Email Address
1st Level	Valerie Cottingham Sales Director Change Control Process	205-321-2168	Valerie.cottingham@bridge.bellsouth.com
2nd Level	Linda Tate Director (for Systems Issues)	404-927-7878	Linda.Tate3@bridge.bellsouth.com
	Joy Lofton Director (for Business Rules/Operations Issues)	404-927-7828	Joy.A.Lofton@bridge.bellsouth.com
3rd Level	Peggy Caldwell Senior Director (for Systems Issues)	404-335-0872	Peggy.S.Caldwell@bridge.bellsouth.com
	Doug McDougal Senior Director (for Business Rules/Operations Issues)	404-927-7505	Doug.Mcdougal@bridge.bellsouth.com

Dispute Resolution Process

In the event that an issue is not resolved through the Escalation Process as described herein, BellSouth and the impacted CLEC(s) agree to follow this Dispute Resolution Process. BellSouth and the CLEC shall assemble a Joint Investigative Team, within one week, comprised of subject matter experts. The party prompting the dispute should initiate the formation of the team. The team should be co-chaired by representatives of BellSouth and the CLEC respectively. The investigative team will conduct a root-cause analysis to determine the source of the problem, if one exists, and then develop a plan for remedying it. The parties to the dispute must escalate the issue within each company to the person who has ultimate authority for State operations in an effort to achieve a resolution.

If the dispute cannot be resolved between the companies after these steps are taken, then either party to the dispute may file a formal complaint with the State PSC through the Director of the Telecommunications section for binding mediation. The Director of the Telecommunications section, or his appointee, shall rule upon the complaint within 30 days of its filing. If either party is then aggrieved, it may file a formal complaint with the State PSC.

9.0 CHANGES TO THIS PROCESS

The current, approved version of this process document will be stored under the component name "Ccp.doc". The BellSouth Change Control Manager BCCM (and alternate) will be the only persons authorized to update the document version.

Requests for changes to the Change Control Process may be submitted to the BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM) using the Change Request form located in the Appendix A. Cosmetic changes may be made and published by the BCCM (or alternate) without further review. Other changes will be reviewed at the monthly Change Review status meetings. All changes will be submitted as a change request and reviewed.

10.0 TESTING ENVIRONMENT

BellSouth offers Carrier Testing to CLECs in an open proven test environment for Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG) and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) interfaces. The testing opportunities offered are BETA and New Carrier Testing.

BETA testing is offered to those CLECs that express an interest in assisting BellSouth validate a Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF) change for the affected interfaces. The opportunity for testing is submitted via the BellSouth Account Team and is negotiated with the Carrier Testing group. BellSouth opens the test environment for BETA testing only after "major releases". CLECs are selected on a "first come, first served basis".

New Carrier Testing is offered to those CLECs who are transitioning from a manual to an electronic environment or from one TCIF issue to another. New Carrier Testing is available to all CLECs and is scheduled with the BellSouth Account Team and Carrier Testing group.

For additional details on the testing environment, regulations and guidelines, you will be able to refer to the BellSouth public internet site by the end of May 2000. The internet web site is as follows:

www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/markets/lec.html

BellSouth is currently investigating and pricing the feasibility of a wholly separate, non-production testing environment for all pre-ordering and ordering interfaces per a CLEC request. This testing environment will mirror the production environment.

11.0 TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

A

Account Team. The Account Teams represent the CLECs and all CLEC interests within BellSouth, that is, the Account Team is the CLECs' advocate within BellSouth. Some of the Account Team functions are listed below:

- Contract Negotiations
- Enhanced Billing Options Negotiations
- Customer Education
- Technical Assistance
- General Problem Resolution
- Tariff Interpretation
- BonaFide Requests (BFR)
- Production Support
- Collocation
- Testing Support
- Project/Order Coordination
- Rate Quotations

Accountability. Individual(s) having responsibility for completing and producing the outputs of each sub-process as defined in the Detailed Process Flow.

Acknowledgement Notification. Notification returned to originator by BCCM indicating receipt of Change Request.

Approved Release Package. Calendar of Candidate Change Requests with consensus target implementation dates as determined at the Release Package Meeting.

B

BellSouth Change Control Manager (BCCM). BellSouth Point of Contact for processing Change Requests and defects.

BFR (Bonafide Request). Process used for providing custom products and/or services. Bonafide Requests are outside the scope of the Change Control Process and should be referred to the appropriate BellSouth Account Team.

Business Day. A business day is considered any Monday-Friday workday that does not fall on an official BellSouth holiday.

Business Rules. The logical business requirements associated with the Interfaces referenced in this document. Business rules determine the when and the how to populate data for an Interface. Examples of data defined by Business Rules are:

- The five primary transactions sets: 850, 855, 860, 865, and 997
- Data Element Abbreviation and Definition
- Activity Types at the appropriate level (account, line, feature) and the associated Usage Type (optional, conditional, required, not applicable, prohibited)
- Conditions/rules associated with each Activity and Usage Type
 - ◊ Dependencies relative to other data elements
 - ◊ Conditions which will be edited within BellSouth's OSSs
- Valid Value Set
- Data Characteristics

C

Cancellation Notification. Notification returned to originator by the BCCM indicating a Change Request has been canceled for one of the following reasons: BST cancellation, duplicate request, training issue, or failure to respond to clarification.

Candidate Request List. List of prioritized Change Requests with associated "Need by Dates" as determined at an Change Review Meeting. These requests will be submitted for sizing and sequencing.

Candidate Change Request. Change Requests that have been prioritized at an Change Review Meeting and are eligible for independent sizing and sequencing by BellSouth and each CLEC.

Change Request. A formal request submitted on a Change Request Form, to add new functions, defects or Enhancements to existing Interfaces (as identified in the scope) in a production environment.

- Type 1 – BellSouth System Outage. A System Outage is where the system is totally unusable or there is degradation in an existing feature or functionality within the interface.
- Type 2 – Regulatory Change. Any non-Type 1 changes to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems mandated by regulatory or legal entities, such as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), a state commission/authority or state and federal courts.

- **Type 3 – Industry Standard Change.** Any non-Type 1 changes to the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems required to bring these interfaces in line with newly agreed upon telecommunications industry guidelines.
- **Type 4 – BellSouth Initiated Change.** Any non-Type 1 changes affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems which BellSouth desires to implement on its own accord.
- **Type 5 – CLEC Initiated Change.** Any non-Type 1 changes affecting the interfaces between the CLEC's and BellSouth's operational support systems, which the CLEC requests BellSouth to implement.
- **Type 6 – CLEC Impacting Defect.** Any non-Type 1 change where a CLEC Impacting Defect is found in a production environment when the system is not operating as specified in baseline business requirements.

Change Request Status. The status of a Change Request as it flows through the Change Control process as described in the Detailed Process Flow.

- **A = Appeal.** Indicates a cancelled Change Request is being appealed by the originator (Step 3).
- **C = Request Cancelled.** Indicates a Change Request has been canceled due to one of the following reasons (Step 3):
 - **CB = Cancellation by BellSouth.** BST may reject the change request based on the following reasons: cost/benefit, resource commitments, industry direction or BellSouth direction.
 - **CC = Clarification.** Requested clarification not received in allotted time (7 days).
 - **CD = Duplicate Request.** A request for this change already exists.
 - **CT = Training.** Requested change already exists, additional training may be required.
- **CRC = Change Review Complete.** Indicates a Change Request has been reviewed at an Change Review Meeting, but did not reach the Candidate Request List (Step 10).
- **D = Request Purge.** Indicates the cancellation of a Change Request that has been pending for 12 months and has failed to reach the Candidate Request List (Step 3).
- **I = Change Implemented.** Indicates a Change Request has been implemented in a release (Step 10).
- **N = New Change Request.** Indicates a Change Request has been received by the BCCM, but has not been validated (Step 2).

- **P = Pending.** Indicates a Change Request has been accepted by the BCCM and scheduled for Change Review (Step 3 moving to Step 4).
- **PC = Pending Clarification.** Indicates a Clarification Notification has been sent to the originator, BCCM awaiting response (Step 2 or 3).
- **PN = Pending N times.** Indicates a Change Request reached the Candidate Request List, was sized but not scheduled for a release and has cycled through the process N number of times. Example: P1 = 2nd time through process, P2 = 3rd time through process, etc (Step 8).
- **RC = Candidate Request.** Indicates a Change Request has completed the Change Review process and been assigned to the Candidate Request List for sizing and sequencing (Step 5).
- **S – Request Scheduled.** Indicates a Change Request has been scheduled for a release (Step 8).

Change Review Meeting. Meeting held by the Change Review participants to review and prioritize pending Change Request, generate Candidate Change Request, and submit Candidate Change Request for sizing and sequencing.

Change Review Package. Package distributed by the BCCM 5 – 7 business days prior to the Change Review Meeting. The package includes the Meeting Notice, Agenda, Approved Release Package, Change Request Log, etc.

Clarification Notification. Notification returned to the originator by the BCCM indicating required information has been omitted from the Change Request and must be provided prior to acceptance of the Change Request. The Change Request will be cancelled if clarification is not received by the date indicated on the Clarification Notification.

CLEC Affecting Change. Any change that requires the CLEC to modify the way they operate or to rewrite system code.

CLEC Change Control Manager (CCCM). CLEC Point of Contact for processing Change Requests.

CSM. Customer Support Manager which supports resale and facility based CLECs.

Cycle Time. The time allotted to complete each step in the Change Control Process prior to moving to the next step in the process.

D

Defect (Documentation). A condition where the documentation does not agree or accurately reflect the business environment.

Defect (Electronic Interfaces). A defect found in a production environment when the system is not operating as specified in a baseline business requirement's document.

Defect Status. The status of a CLEC Impacting Defect Change Request as it flows through the Change Control process as described in the Detailed Process Flow.

- **A = Appeal.** Indicates a cancelled Change Request is being appealed by the originator (Step 3).
- **C = Cancelled.** Indicates a Change Request has been canceled due to one of the following reasons (Step 3):
 - **CC = Clarification.** Requested clarification not received in allotted time (7 days).
 - **CD = Duplicate Request.** A request for this change already exists.
 - **CT = Training.** Requested change already exists, additional training may be required.
 - **DC = Defect Cancelled.** Process is operating as specified in the baseline requirements.
- **I = Implemented.** Indicates a Defect Change Request has been implemented in a release (Step 6).
- **N = New Defect Change Request.** Indicates a Defect Change Request has been received by the BCCM and the change request form validated for completeness (Step 2).
- **PC = Pending Clarification.** Indicates a Clarification Notification has been sent to the originator, BCCM awaiting response (Step 2 or 3).
- **S = Scheduled for Release.** Indicates a Defect Change Request has been scheduled for a release (Step 6).
- **V = Validated Defect.** Indicates internal analysis has been conducted and it is determined that it is a validated defect (Step 3).
- **W = Workaround Identified.** Indicates a workaround has been developed and communicated to impacted CLEC community (Step 4).

E

Electronic Communications Systems (ECS). ECS is the help desk for reporting system outages or degradation in an existing feature/functionality within an interface. The ECS group works with

the CLEC community to resolve system outages/degradation in a timely manner. The telephone number for the ECS group is 1-888-462-8030.

Enhancement. Functions which have never been introduced into the system; improving or expanding existing functions; required functional changes to system interfaces (user and other systems), data, or business rules (processing algorithms – how a process must be performed); any change in the User Requirements in a production system.

I

Internal Change Management Process. Internal process unique to BellSouth and each participating CLEC for managing and controlling Change Requests.

N

Need-by-Date. Date used to determine implementation of a Change Request. This date is derived at the Change Review Meeting through team consensus. Example: 1Q99 or Release XX.

P

Points of Contact (POC). An individual that functions as the unique entry point for change requests on this process.

Priority. The level of urgency assigned for resource allocation to implement a change. Priority may be initially entered by the originator of the Change Request, but may be changed by the BCCM with concurrence from the originator or the Review Meeting participants. In addition, level of priority is not an indication of the timeframe in which the Change Request will be worked. It is the originator's label to determine the priority of the request submitted.

One of four priorities may be assigned:

1-Urgent. Should be implemented as soon as possible. Resources may be pulled from scheduled release efforts to expedite this item. A need-by date will be established during the Change Review Meeting. A special release may be required if the next scheduled release does not meet the agreed upon need-by date.

2-High. Implement in the next possible scheduled major release, as determined during the Release Package Meeting.

3-Medium. Implement in a future scheduled major release. A scheduled release will be established during the Release Package Meeting.

4-Low. Implement in a future scheduled major release only after all other priorities. A scheduled release will be established during the Release Package Meeting.

Project Plan. Document which defines the strategy for Release Management and Implementation, including Scope Statement, Communication Plan, Work Breakdown Structure, etc. See Release Management Project Plan template, Attachment B-1.

Proposed Release Package: Proposed set of change requests slated for a release that the BCCM presents to the CLEC community during the Release Package Meeting

R

Release – Major. Implementation of scheduled Change(s) which may or may not impact all CLECs; may or may not require CLECs to make changes to their interface and may or may not prohibit the use of an interface upon implementation of the Change(s). Application-to-Application and Machine-to-Human.

Release – Minor. Implementation of scheduled Change(s) which do not require coordination with the entire CLEC industry, do not require CLECs to make changes to their interface or do not prohibit the use of an interface upon implementation of the Change(s). Machine-to-Human.

Release Package. Package distributed by the BCCM listing the Candidate Change Requests that have been targeted for a scheduled release.

Release Package Notification. Package distributed by the BCCM and used to conduct an initial Release Management and Implementation meeting. The package includes the list of participants, meeting date, time, Approved Release Package, Maintenance/Defect Notification, etc.

Release Schedule: Schedule that contains the intended dates for implementation of software enhancements. This release schedule is created annually.

S

Specifications. Detailed, exact document(s) describing enhancement and/or defects, business processes and documentation changes requested and included with the Change Request as additional information.

System Outage. A System Outage is where the system is totally unusable or there is degradation in an existing feature or functionality within the interface.

V

Version (Document). Indicates variation of an earlier Change Control process document. Users can identify the latest version by the version control number.

APPENDIX A – CHANGE CONTROL FORMS

See Attached Forms

This section identifies the forms to be used during the initial phases of the Change Control process accompanied by a brief explanation of their use. Attachments A1 – A-4A contains sample Change Control forms and line by line Checklists.

Change Request Form. Used when submitting a request for a change (Attachment A-1).

Change Request Form Checklist. Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Change Request form (Attachment A-1A).

Change Request Clarification Response. Used when responding to request for clarification or Clarification Notification (Attachment A-2).

Change Request Clarification Checklist. Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Change Request Clarification Response (Attachment A-2A).

Acknowledgement Notification. Advises originator of receipt of Change Request by BCCM (Attachment A-3).

Acknowledgement Notification Checklist. Provides line-by-lines instructions for completing the Acknowledgement Notification. (Attachment A-3A).

Cancellation Notification. Advises the originator of cancellation of a Change Request (Attachment A-3).

Cancellation Notification Checklist. Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Cancellation Notification. (Attachment A-3B).

Clarification Notification. Advises originator that a Change Request is being held pending receipt of additional information (Attachment A-4).

Clarification Notification Checklist. Provides line-by-line instructions for completing the Clarification Notification. (Attachment A-4A).

APPENDIX B – RELEASE MANAGEMENT

See Attached Forms

Release Management and Project Implementation is described in Step 10 of the Change Control Process. Project Managers are responsible for confirming the release date, developing project plans and requirements, providing the WBS, Gantt chart and Executive Summary to the BCCM for input to the Change Review Package and ensuring the successful implementation of the release.

The BST Change Control Manager (BCCM) will distribute the Release Notification Information via web. The Notification should contain the following information:

- List of participants (Project Managers from each stakeholder)
- Date(s) for the next Project Manage Release meeting(s)
- Times
- Logistics
- Meeting facilitator and minutes originator (rotated between stakeholders)
- Current Approved Release Package (email attachment)
- Current Maintenance/Defect Notification Information (web posting)
- Draft Release Project Plan - WBS (email attachment created by the Lead Project Manager (s) assigned in step 8 of the Change Control Process)
- Lead Project Manager (s) assigned to the Release with reach numbers (s)

Attachments B1 – B12 contain templates designed to assist the Project Manager(s) in conducting project management responsibilities as needed for Release Management and Implementation.

APPENDIX C –ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

See Attached Documents

Attachment 7
Exhibit A [DISAGREE]

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VERSION CHANGE HISTORY

This section list changes made to the baseline Electronic Interface Change Control Process document since the last issue. New versions of this document may be obtained via BellSouth's Web site.

Version	Issue Date	Section Revised	Reason for Revision
1.0	04/14/98		Initial issue.
1.2	2/28/00	All	<p>The EICCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiple Change Request Types (CLEC Initiated, BST Initiated, Industry Standards, Regulatory and System Outages) - Incorporated manual process - Defined cycle times for process intervals and notifications - Defect Notification process - Escalation Process - Modified Change Control forms to support process changes - Changed EICCP to CCP
1.3	3/14/00	All	<p>The CCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type 6 Change Request, CLEC Impacting Defect - Increased number of participants at Change Review meetings - Changed cycle time for Types 2-5 Step 3 from 20 days to 15 days - Defined Step 4 of the Defect Notification process to include communicating the workaround to the CLEC community - Web Site address for Change Control Process

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notification regarding the Retirement and Introduction of new interfaces - New status codes for Defect Change Requests - New status codes: 'S' for Scheduled Change Requests and 'I' for Implemented Change Requests (types 2-5 Change Requests) - Removed reference to EDI Helpdesk. Electronic Communications Support (ECS) will be the first point of contact for Type 1 System Outages. - Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document.
1.4	4/12/00	All	<p>The CCP Documentation has been modified to incorporate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type 1 and 6 Notifications will be communicated to CLECs via e-mail and web posting - Step 3 Cycle Time (Types 2-5) changed from 15 business days to 20 business days - Verbiage to Step 10 (Types 2-5) regarding BellSouth presenting baseline requirements - Introduction and Retirement of New Interfaces Section - Dispute Resolution Process - Testing Environment Section - Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document - Monthly Status Meeting Agenda Template - RF1870 Change Request Form changes
1.5	4/26/00	Section 1 Section 8 Section 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updated CCP web site address - Updated Escalation Contacts for Types 2-6 - Added definitions for Account Team and Electronic Communications Support (ECS)
1.6	7/20/00	Section 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added "testing" under process changes

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		Section 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification provided in "Change Review Participants" description.
		Section 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added statement regarding submittal of Change Requests
		Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarification provided for documentation changes for business rules - Step 2-Added email notification - Step 3-Removed "Cancellation by BellSouth" - Step 3-Clarification on reject reasons
		Section 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Step 3-Clarification on internal validation activities - Step 4-Changed cycle time from 5 to 4 bus days for develop workaround - Added defect implementation range
		Section 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changed prioritization from "by interface" to "by category" - Changed timeframe for receiving a Change Request prior to a Change Review Meeting from 33 to 30 business days - Modified the prioritization voting rules
		Section 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates to the Introduction and Retirement of Interfaces
		Section 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added Type 6 escalation turnaround time - Changed 3rd Level Escalation contacts for Types 2-6
		Section 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removed "Cancellation by BellSouth" and "Defect Cancelled" definitions
		Appendix A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removed "Cancellation by BellSouth" from Change Request Form and Checklist - Added Letter of Intent Form
		Appendix C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to the following forms: Preliminary Priority List, CCP User Registration Form. Added the following forms: Defect Notification Sample, CR Log Legend.

		Appendix D	- Added BellSouth Versioning Policy
		All	Word changes to provide clarification throughout the document.
2.0	08/23/00	Cover	- Removed "Interim" from cover.
		Section 3	- Updated Type 6 definition to incorporate new defect and expedite feature definitions.
		Section 5	- Replaced Section 5, Defect Notification Process with a "Draft" Defect/Expedite Notification Process.
			- Reduced the implementation interval for validated defects (High Impact) from 4- 30 business days to 4 - 25 business days, best effort.
		Section 10	- Added Internet Web sites for EDI and TAG Testing Guidelines
		Section 11-Terms & Definitions	- Updated definition for Defect. Added definitions for Expedited Feature, High, Medium and Low Impacts.
		Appendix A	- Modified Change Request Forms (RF1870 and RF1872) to include email address for Change Control. Also added High, Medium and Low Assessment of Impact Levels.
		All	- Referenced the handling of expedites and expedite notification where appropriate.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This document establishes the process by which BellSouth Telecommunications (BST) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) will manage requested changes to the BellSouth Local Interfaces, the introduction of new interfaces, and provide for the identification and resolution of issues related to Change Requests. This process will cover Change Requests that affect external users of BellSouth's Electronic Interface Applications, associated manual process improvements, performance or ability to provide service including defect/expedite notification. This process shall be referred to as the Change Control Process.

All parties should recognize that deviations from this process might be warranted where unanticipated circumstances arise such that strict application of these guidelines may not result in their intended purpose. Furthermore, deviations may be required due to specific regulatory and business requirements. Parties shall provide appropriate web notification to the CLEC/BST Change Control Team participants prior to deviating from the processes established within this document. All parties will comply with all legal and regulatory requirements.

The Change Control Process will cover change requests for the following interfaces and associated manual processes that have the potential to impact the interfaces connected to BellSouth:

- Local Exchange Navigation System (LENS)
- Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG)
- Trouble Administration Facilitation Interface (TAFI)
- Electronic Communications Trouble Administration (EC-TA) Local
- CLEC Service Order Tracking System (CSOTS)

The types of changes that will be handled by this process are as follows:

- Software
- Hardware
- Industry Standards
- Product and Services (i.e., new services available via the in-scope interfaces)
- New or Revised Edits
- Process (i.e., electronic interfaces and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance and testing)
- Regulatory
- Documentation (i.e., business rules for electronic and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance, training materials and job aids)
- Defects/Expedites

The scope of the Change Control Process **does not** include the following:

- BonaFide Requests (BFR)
- Production Support (i.e. adding new users to existing interfaces, existing users requesting first time use of existing BST functionality)
- Contractual Agreements
- Collocation
- ☐ Testing Support (i.e. negotiating/coordinating test agreements and dates)
- ☐ Issue Resolution/Questions (i.e. questions associated with interface functionality, interpreting documentation)

- Change Requests of this nature will be handled through existing BellSouth processes.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHANGE CONTROL PROCESS:

- Support the Industry guidelines that impact Electronic Interfaces and manual processes relative to order, pre-order, maintenance, and billing as appropriate
- Ensure continuity of business processes and systems operations
- Establish process for communicating and managing changes
- Allow for mutual impact assessment and resource planning to manage and schedule changes
- Capability to prioritize requested changes

The minimum requirements for participation in the Change Control Process electronically are:

- Word 6.0 or greater
- Excel 5.0 or greater
- Internet E-mail address
- Web access

The web site address for the Change Control Process is as follows:

<http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/>

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